

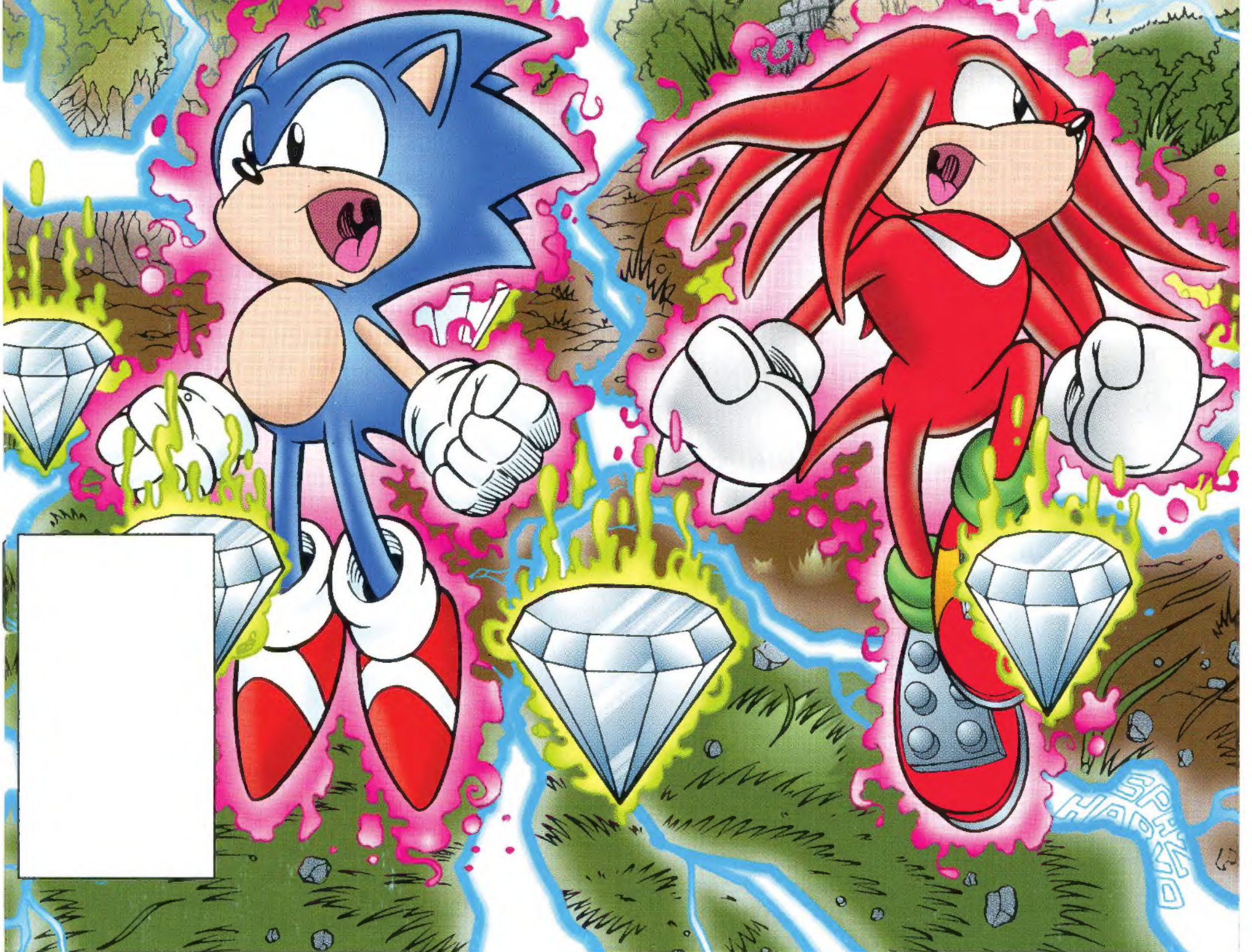
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A dynamic illustration of Sonic the Hedgehog in his Hyper Mode. He is depicted with a bright yellow aura and a grid-like pattern of blue lines and white dots surrounding him, suggesting high speed or a digital environment. The word "HYPER" is written in a stylized, blue, jagged font across his chest. The title "SONIC vs. KNUCKLES" is prominently displayed at the top right in large, bold, yellow-outlined letters. Sonic's eyes are closed in a state of intense focus or power.

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**SONIC**  
THE HEDGEHOG™

REPORT TO  
KNOTHOLE CONTROL  
STAT! WE HAVE A  
VISITOR--

**KNUCKLES**  
THE ECHIDNA!

HERE  
COMES THE  
EXPRESS!

NO WAY!

**CRASH**  
OF THE

**TITANS**

I'M AFRAID SO... HE'S WALKING ALONG THE OUTER EDGE OF THE GREAT FOREST!

BUT HE NEVER LEAVES HIS FLOATING ISLAND HOME!

THAT'S WHERE WE TANGLED LAST!\*

I MET HIS GREAT GRAND-FATHER!\*\*

\*IN SONIC FRIPLE FROUBLE-ED.

\*\*IN THE RECENTLY COMPLETED TAILS MINI-SERIES-- Mini EDITOR

GRRRR... THAT DREADLOCKER MAKES MY SPINES TINGLE! HE'S UP TO NO GOOD!

...THE BORDER OF ROBOTROPOLIS!

I'LL SHOW YOU EXACTLY WHAT HE'S UP TO...

THE RED SKUNK IS GONNA CUT A DEAL WITH ROBOTNIK!

WE DON'T KNOW THAT, SONIC! I WANT YOU TO GO TALK TO HIM...DID YOU HEAR?

**TALK!**

☹️sigh☹️ YEAH, RIGHT... WHAT DO THE ODDS MAKERS SAY?

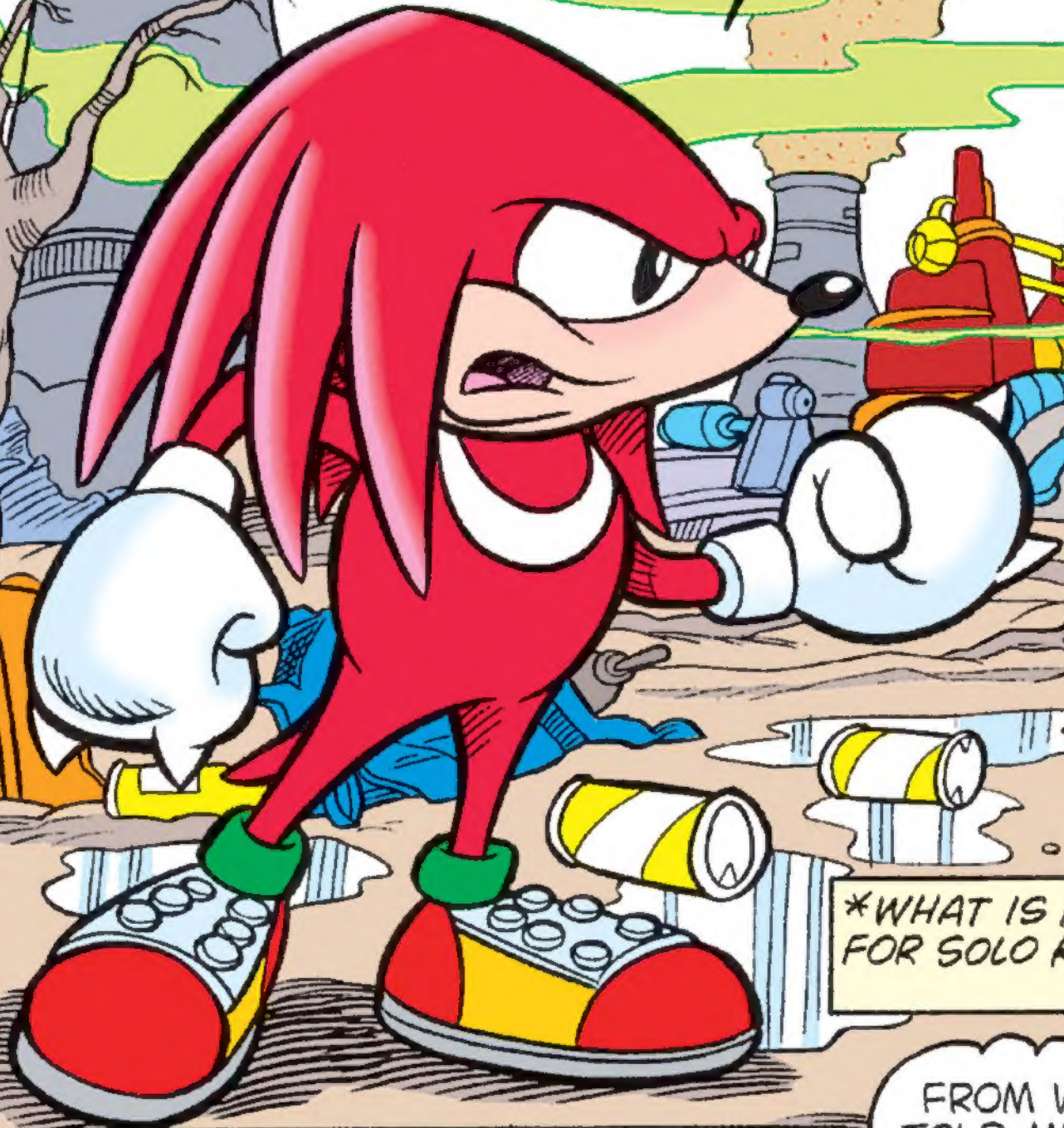
FOUR TO ONE THEY'RE IN A FIGHT BY PAGE SIX!

SKREET...

GOTCHA, SALLY...

MEANWHILE...

PHEW! WHAT A DISGUSTING MESS!  
THESE LANDLUBBERS ARE LIVING PROOF  
THAT ECHIDNA SOCIETY WAS RIGHT TO  
ABANDON TECHNOLOGY AND REVERT  
TO BEING ENVIRONMENT-FRIENDLY!\*



\*WHAT IS KNUX REFERRING TO? STAY TUNED  
FOR SOLO KNUCKLES STORIES IN SONIC  
--EDITOR

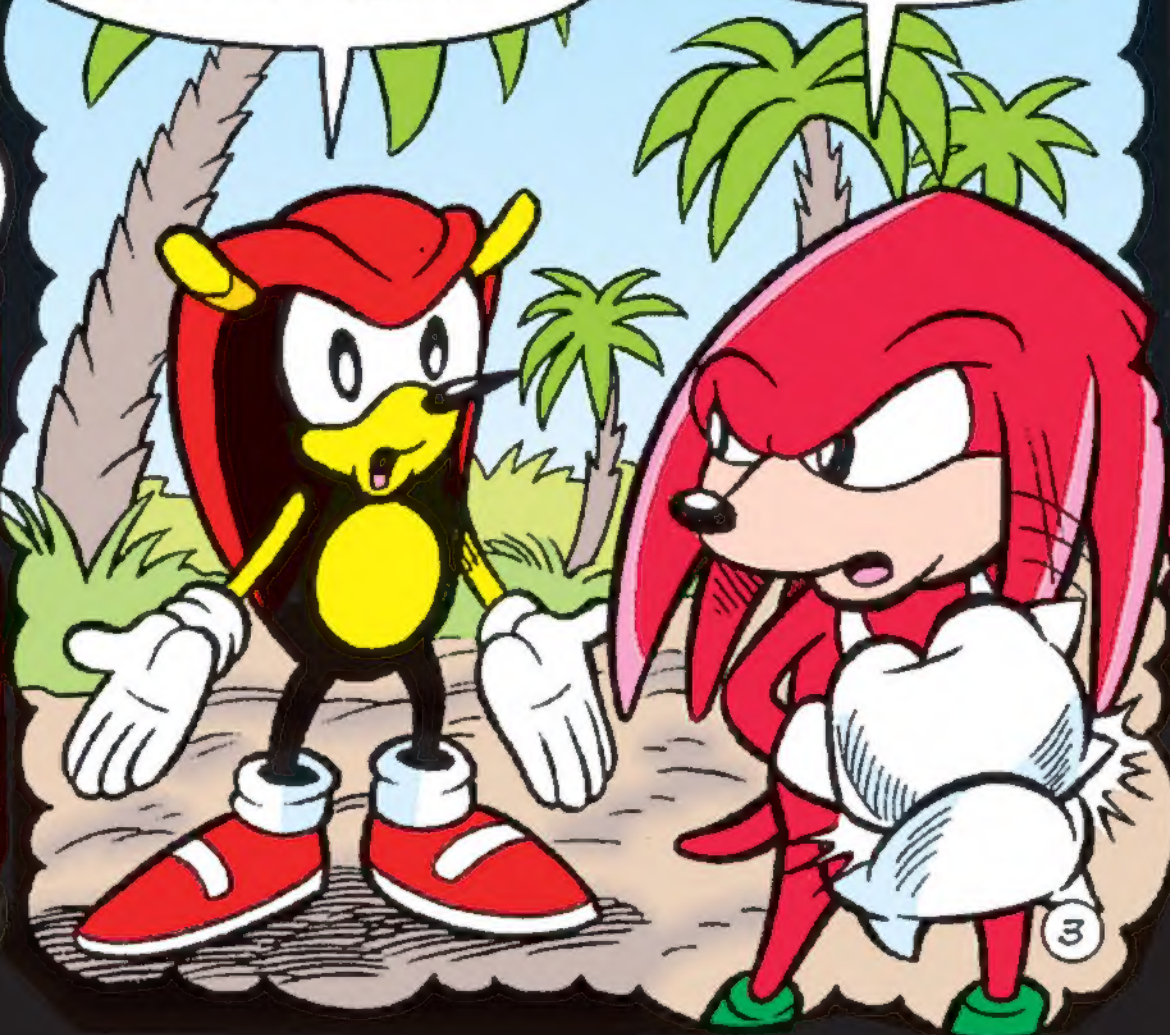
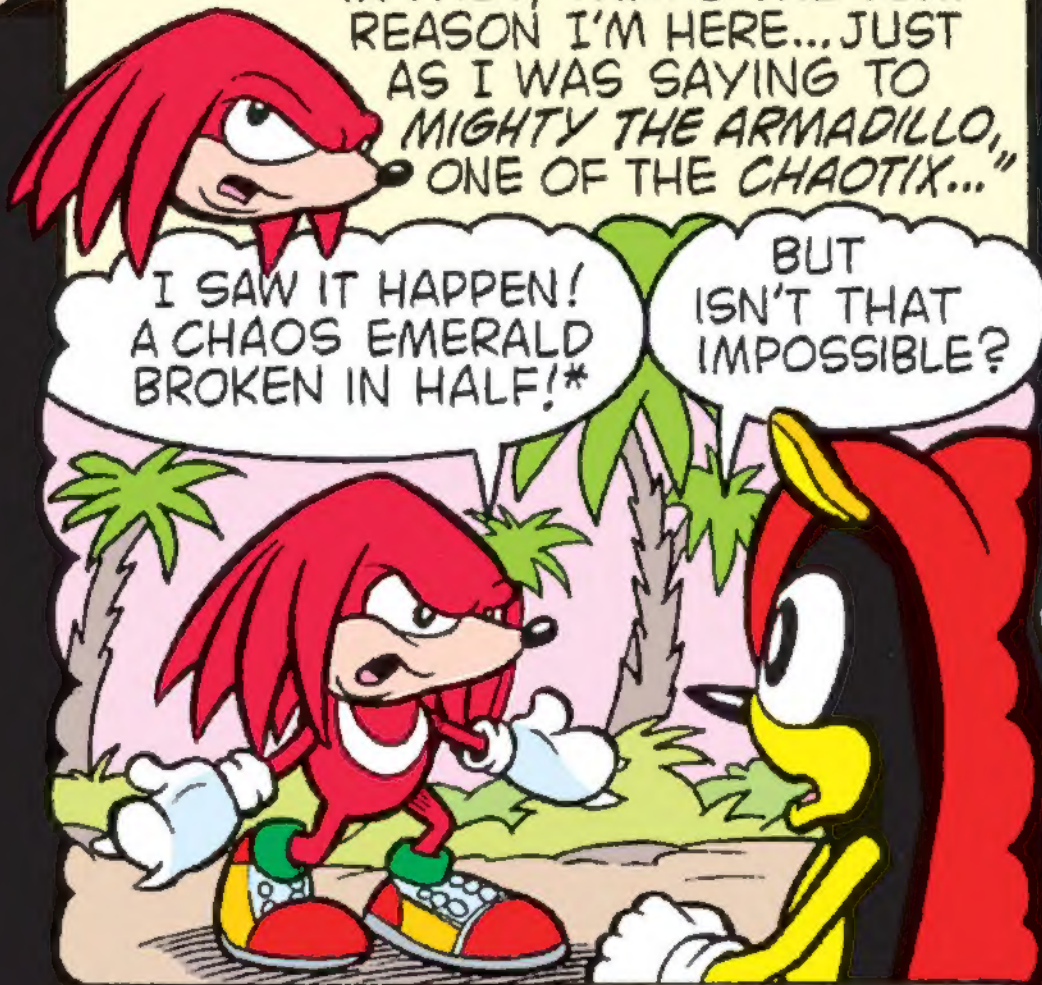
"IN FACT, THAT'S THE VERY  
REASON I'M HERE...JUST  
AS I WAS SAYING TO  
MIGHTY THE ARMADILLO,  
ONE OF THE CHAOTIX..."

I SAW IT HAPPEN!  
A CHAOS EMERALD  
BROKEN IN HALF!\*

BUT  
ISN'T THAT  
IMPOSSIBLE?

FROM WHAT YOU'VE  
TOLD ME ABOUT THEM,  
THOSE GEMSTONES ARE  
THE ULTIMATE  
ENERGY SOURCE!

I WAS THERE,  
MIGHTY! IT CAN  
HAPPEN...ONLY I  
WON'T LET IT  
HAPPEN HERE!



\*IN THE AFOREMENTIONED TRIPLE TROUBLE  
--EDITOR

LONG AGO, WHEN MY ANCESTORS RAISED THIS FLOATING ISLAND INTO THE SKY \*...

... IT WAS POWERED BY A DOZEN CHAOS EMERALDS... BUT NOT ANYMORE!

\*DESCRIBED BY KNUCKLES' GREAT GRANDFATHER ATHAIR IN ISSUE #3 OF TAILS' MINI-SERIES -ED.

"NOW THERE'S ONLY ONE GREEN GEM IN THE CENTRAL CHAMBER-- AND THAT WORRIES ME!"

I'M THE GUARDIAN OF THIS ISLAND! IF THAT LAST EMERALD FAILS, IT COULD SPELL DOOM FOR EVERYONE!

HOW WOULD YOU GET ANOTHER ONE?

A GOOD QUESTION... PERHAPS THE ANSWER LIES IN HERE!

≡gasp!≡  
THE BOOK OF MYTHS!\*

\*MENTIONED BY KNUCKLES BACK IN "TRIPLE TROUBLE SPECIAL --EDITOR

HERE WE ARE... "CHAOS EMERALDS ARE MYSTICALLY LINKED TO THE MAGIC RINGS FOUND INSIDE ZONES!\*" HOWEVER, LEGENDS SPEAK OF ONE OTHER LOCATION WHERE THEY CAN BE FOUND...

...THE LAKE OF RINGS!

IT IS SAID THE PASTORAL POND CAN SUDDENLY GIVE OFF A GOLDEN GLOW--

--AND A MAGIC RING BREAKS THE SURFACE!

SOME SAY THE RINGS ARE A BY-PRODUCT OF THE EMERALDS... OTHERS SAY IT IS THE OTHER WAY AROUND!

\*THE SAME ZONES YOU ENTER WHEN YOU PLAY SEGA'S SONIC VIDEO GAMES--  
-EDITOR

LOOK HERE..." THE RING RADIATES COSMIC ENERGY... BUT THE LAKE'S LOCATION IS LOST TO HISTORY!

YOU KNOW THAT SONIC THE HEDGEHOG BATTLES A VILLAIN CALLED ROBOTNIK WHO LIVES IN A RADIOACTIVE CITY CALLED ROBOTROPOLIS!

MAYBE NOT-- THE KEY WORD IS "RADIATES"!

SO?

SO, WHAT IF THE SOURCE OF THE RADIATION ISN'T POLLUTION? MAYBE THE LAKE OF RINGS IS NEARBY! AND WHERE THERE'S RINGS, THERE COULD BE CHAOS EMERALDS!!!

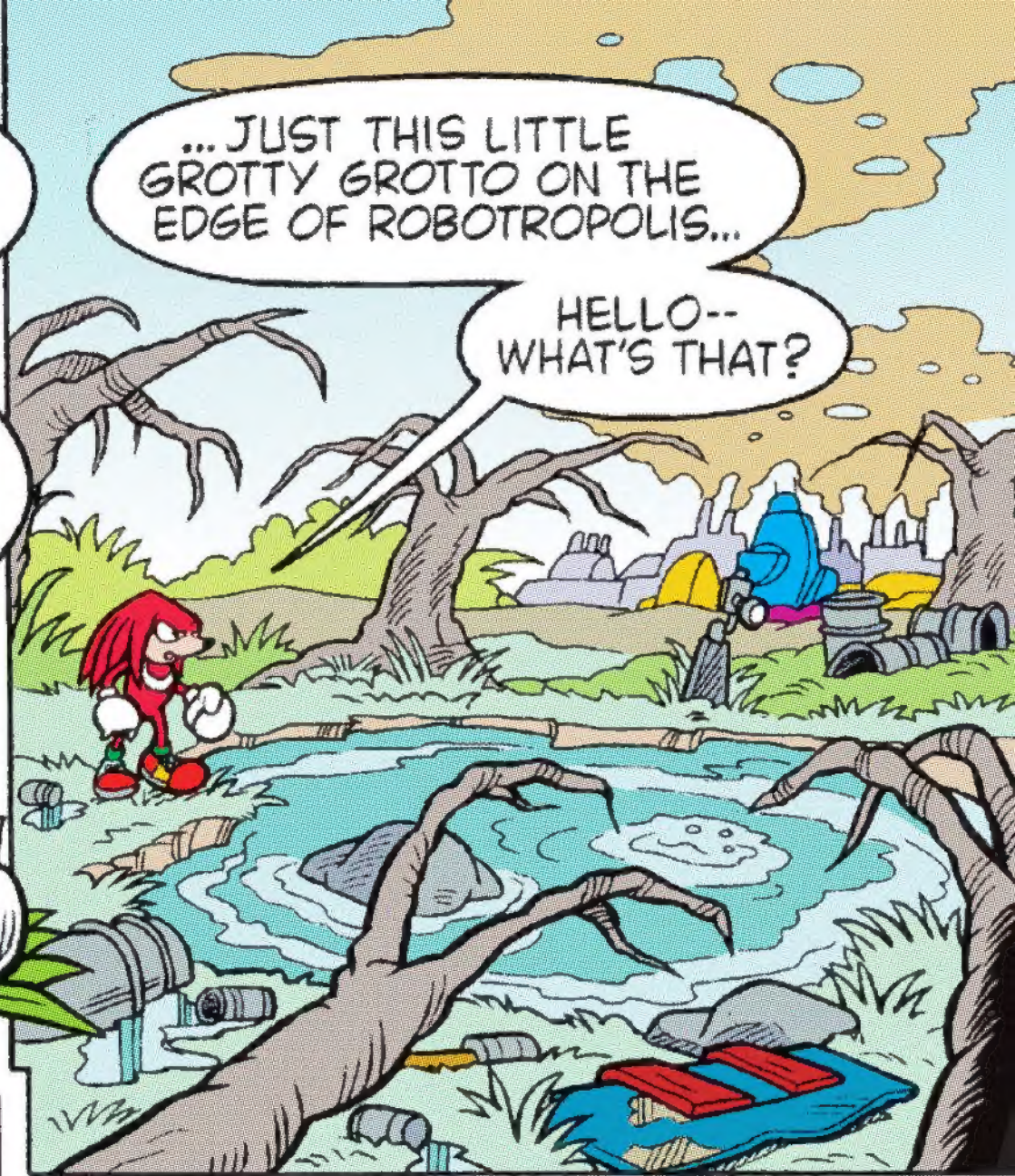
I GOTTA KNOW! MIND THE ISLAND FOR ME, MIGHTY!

DON'T WORRY! MY MATCHLESS STRENGTH WILL KEEP IT SAFE!



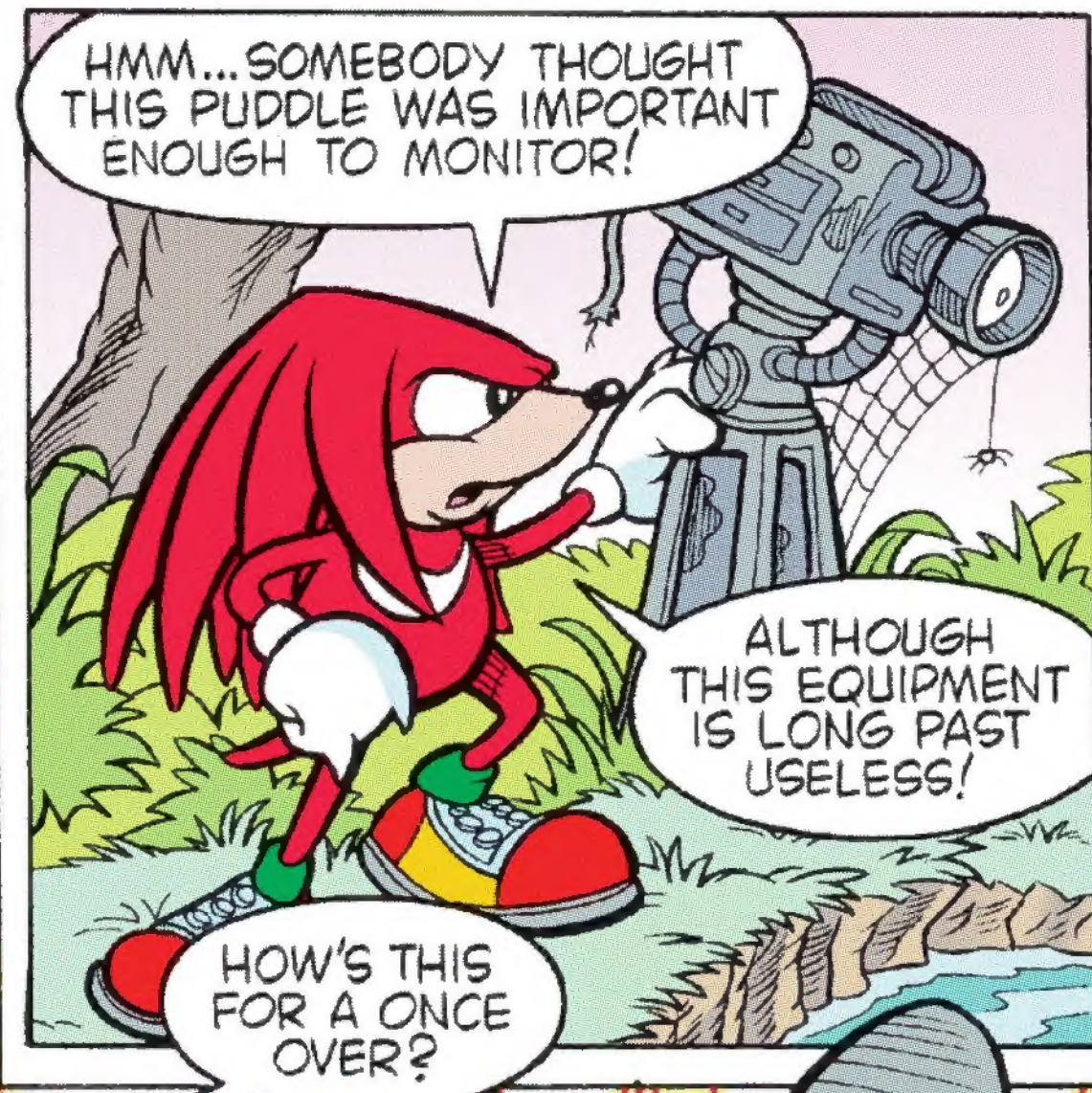
--AND WITH THAT, I TOOK OFF... GLIDING DOWN HERE ON MY DREADLOCKS!

BUT I DON'T SEE ANY MYSTICAL LAKE...



...JUST THIS LITTLE GROTTY GROTTA ON THE EDGE OF ROBOTROPOLIS...

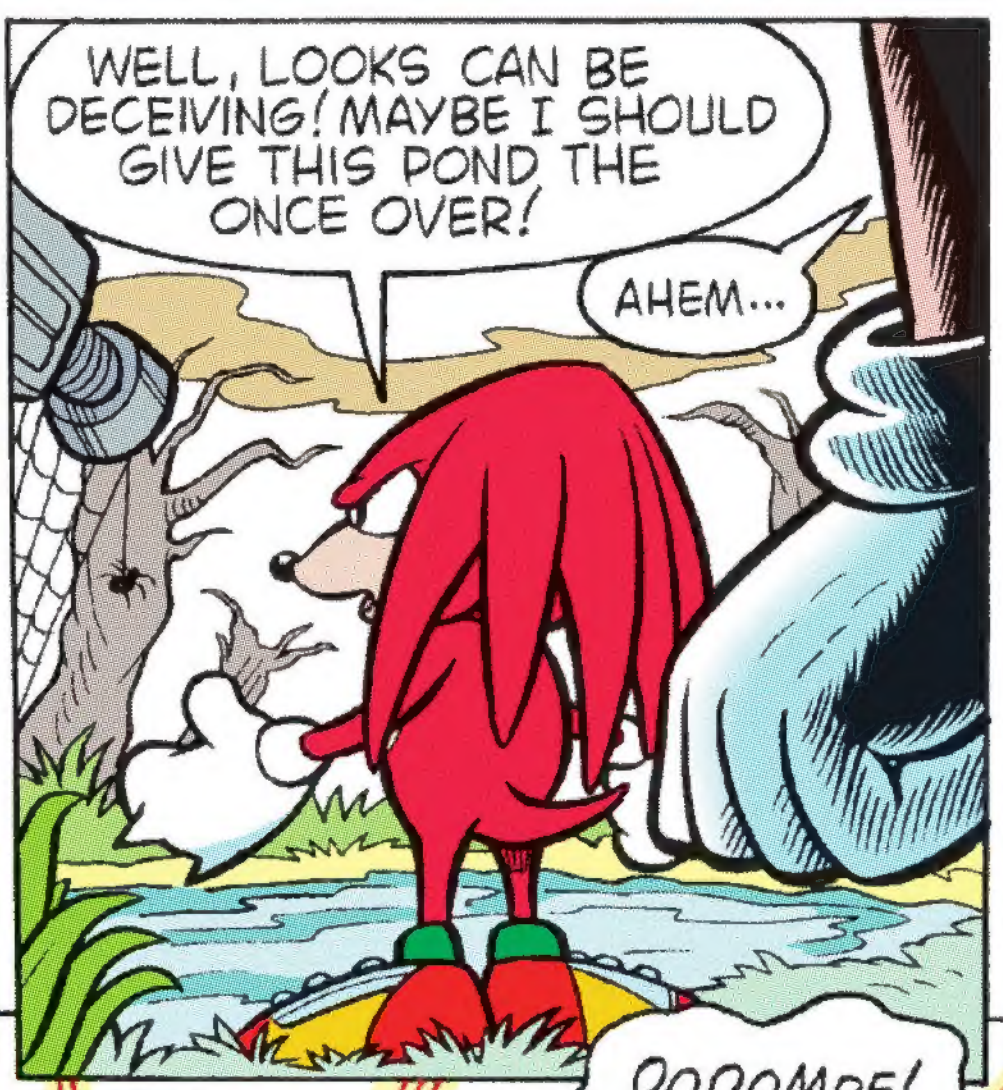
HELLO-- WHAT'S THAT?



HMM... SOMEBODY THOUGHT THIS PUDDLE WAS IMPORTANT ENOUGH TO MONITOR!

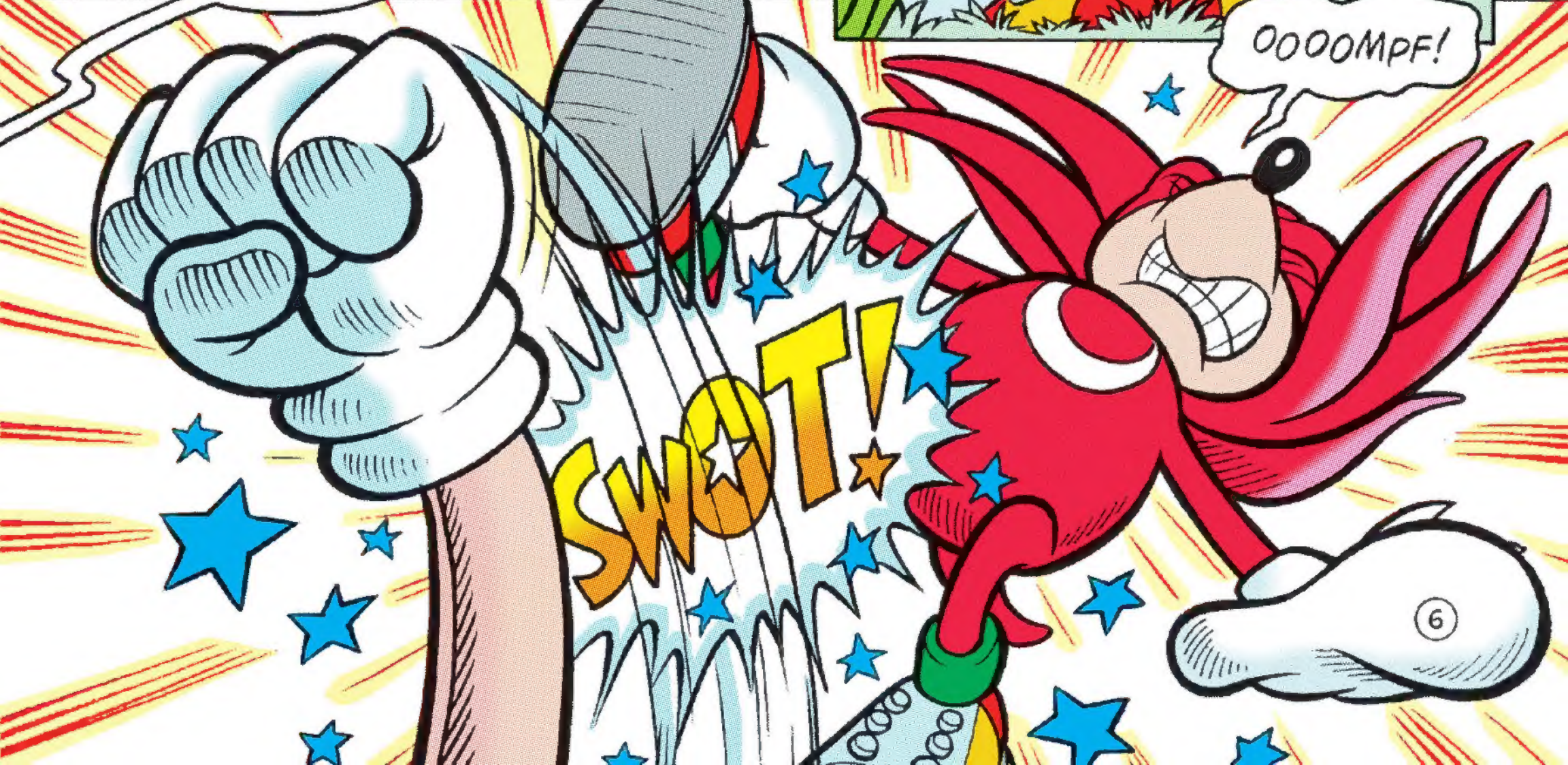
ALTHOUGH THIS EQUIPMENT IS LONG PAST USELESS!

HOW'S THIS FOR A ONCE OVER?



WELL, LOOKS CAN BE DECEIVING! MAYBE I SHOULD GIVE THIS POND THE ONCE OVER!

AHEM...



OOOOMPFF!

SWAT!



**SONIC**  
THE HEDGEHOG™

**KNUCKLES™**  
THE ECHIDNA

in **CRASH**  
OF THE  
**TITANS**

SO... YOU'RE  
LOOKIN' FOR A  
BRAWL, EH?

**FLIP!**

**PART II**

I'D LOVE TO, BUT  
FIRST, I'M REQUIRED  
TO READ THIS...

"I, PRINCESS SALLY--  
BLA-BLA-BLA-" LEGAL  
DEPARTMENT REQUIRES--  
YAK-YAK-" OFFER YOU  
NON-VIOLENT DISCUSSION  
--ON AND ON..."

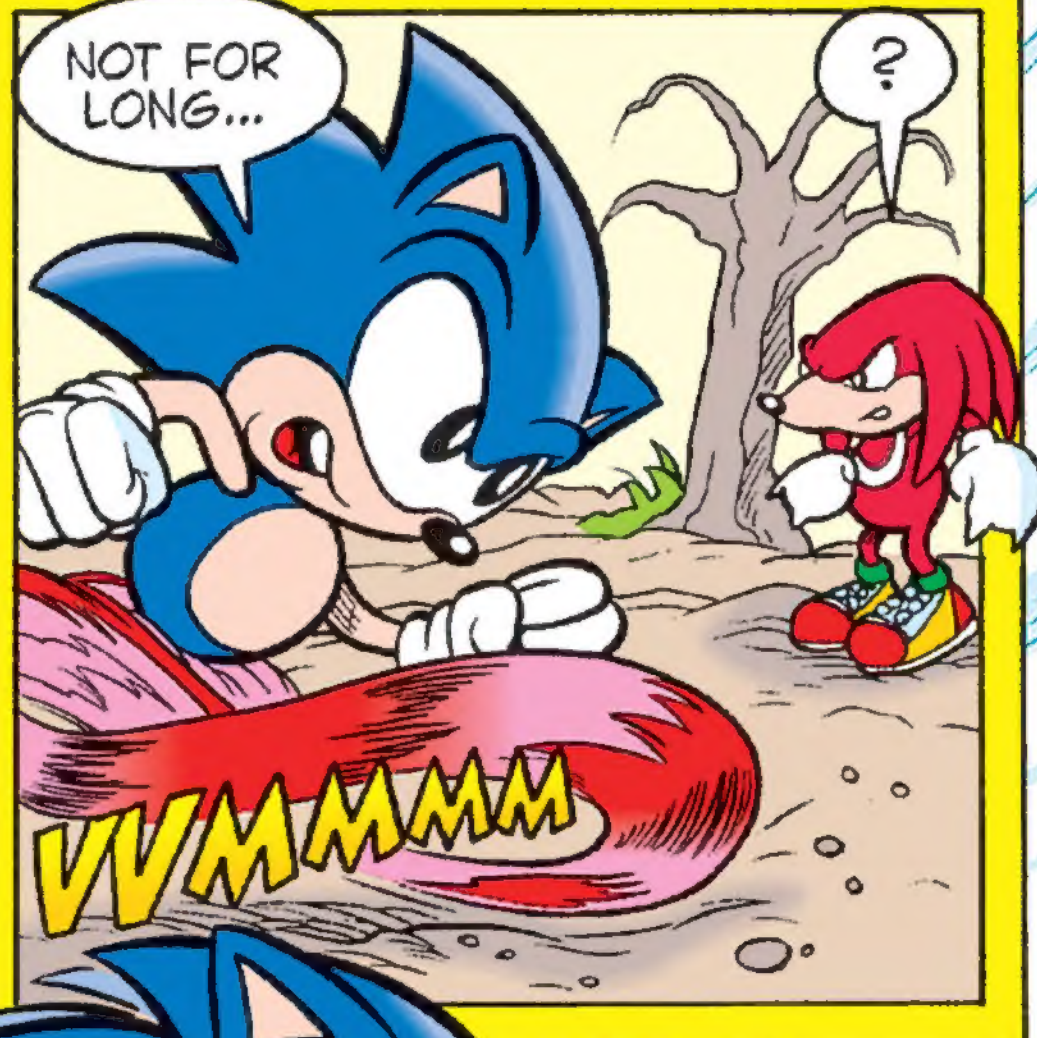
HERE'S WHAT YOU  
CAN DO WITH YOUR  
LEGAL DEPARTMENT!

snarl...



OKAY, REDBONE... YOU ASKED FOR IT!...

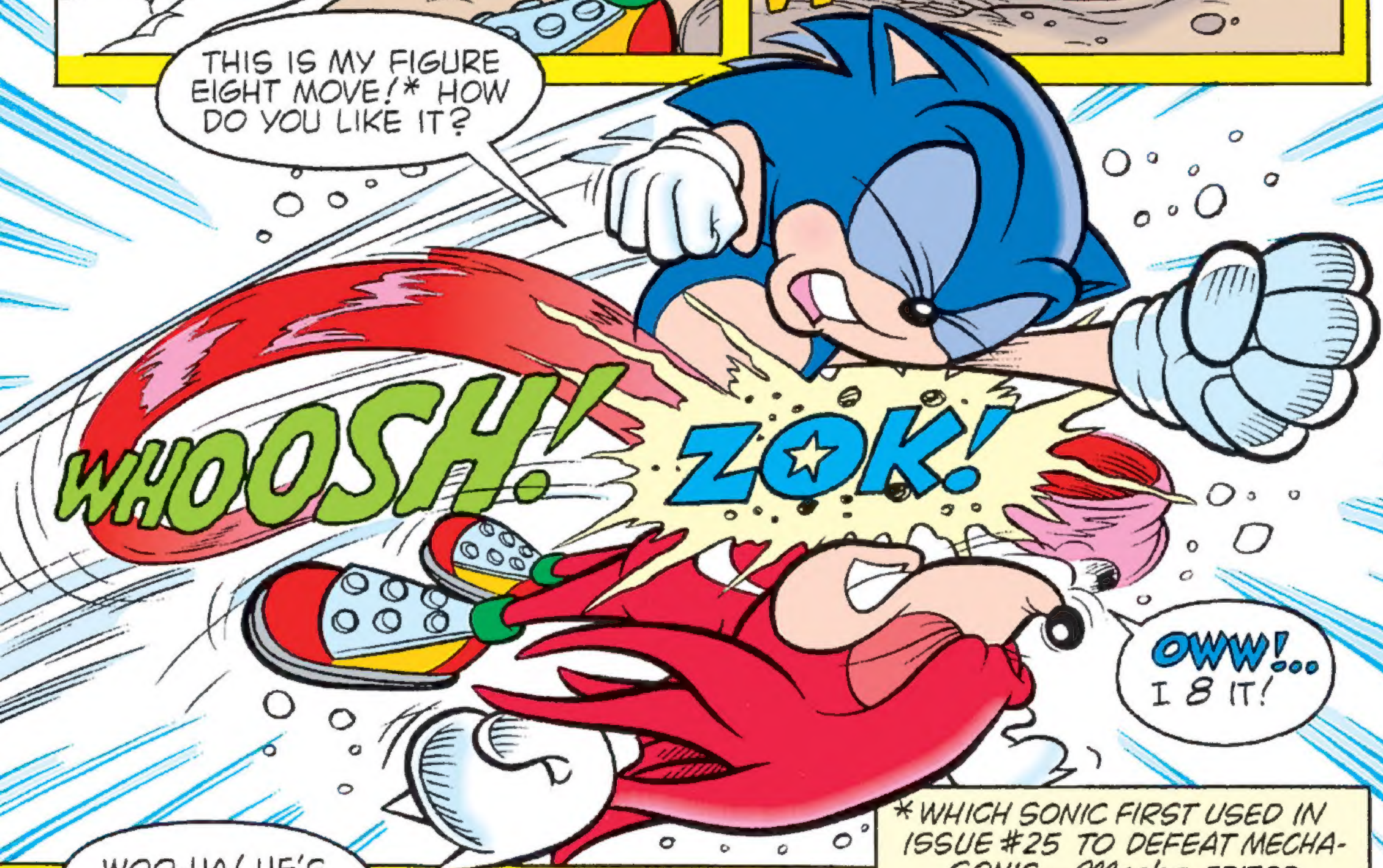
C'MON, LITTLE BOY BLUE... I'M STANDING HERE!



NOT FOR LONG...

WMMMMMM

THIS IS MY FIGURE EIGHT MOVE! \* HOW DO YOU LIKE IT?

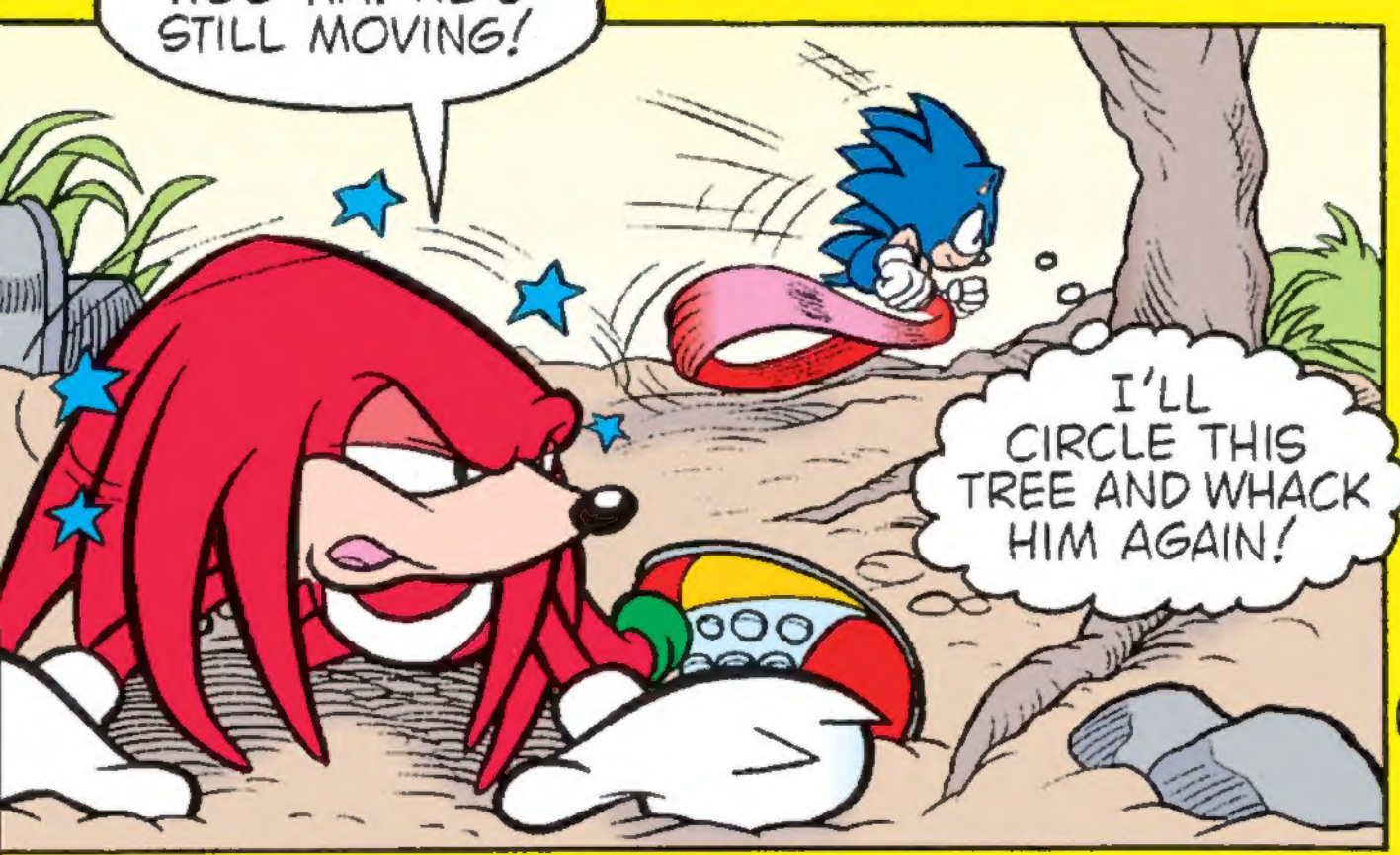


WHOOSH!

ZOK!

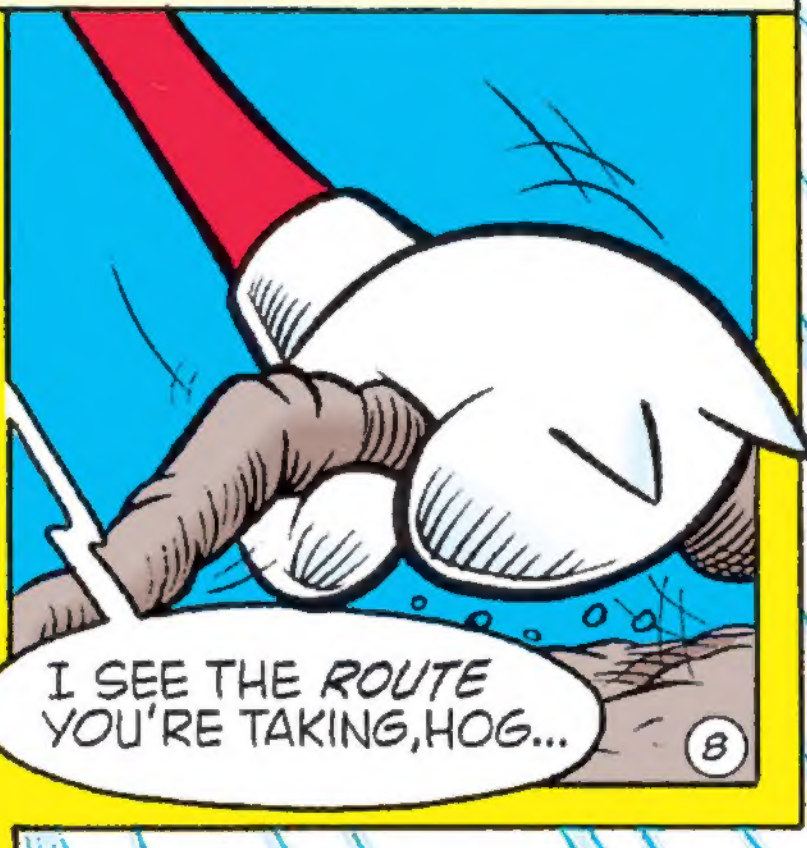
OWW! I 8 IT!

\* WHICH SONIC FIRST USED IN ISSUE #25 TO DEFEAT MECHA-SONIC -- Mecha EDITOR



WOO-HA! HE'S STILL MOVING!

I'LL CIRCLE THIS TREE AND WHACK HIM AGAIN!



I SEE THE ROUTE YOU'RE TAKING, HOG...

... BUT THIS  
ROOT CREATES A  
ROADBLOCK!

THE TREE--  
MOVING SIDWAYS--  
**OWF!**

**SK.K.KUNK!**

**THOK!**

STUCK IN THE TREE? I ALWAYS SAID YOU WERE A LITTLE SAP!

MMMMF! AW, PUT A SOCK IN IT, KNUCKLES!

YOU PUT A SOCK IN IT! I VISIT A PUBLIC PLACE AND YOU AMBUSH ME!

NNNGH!

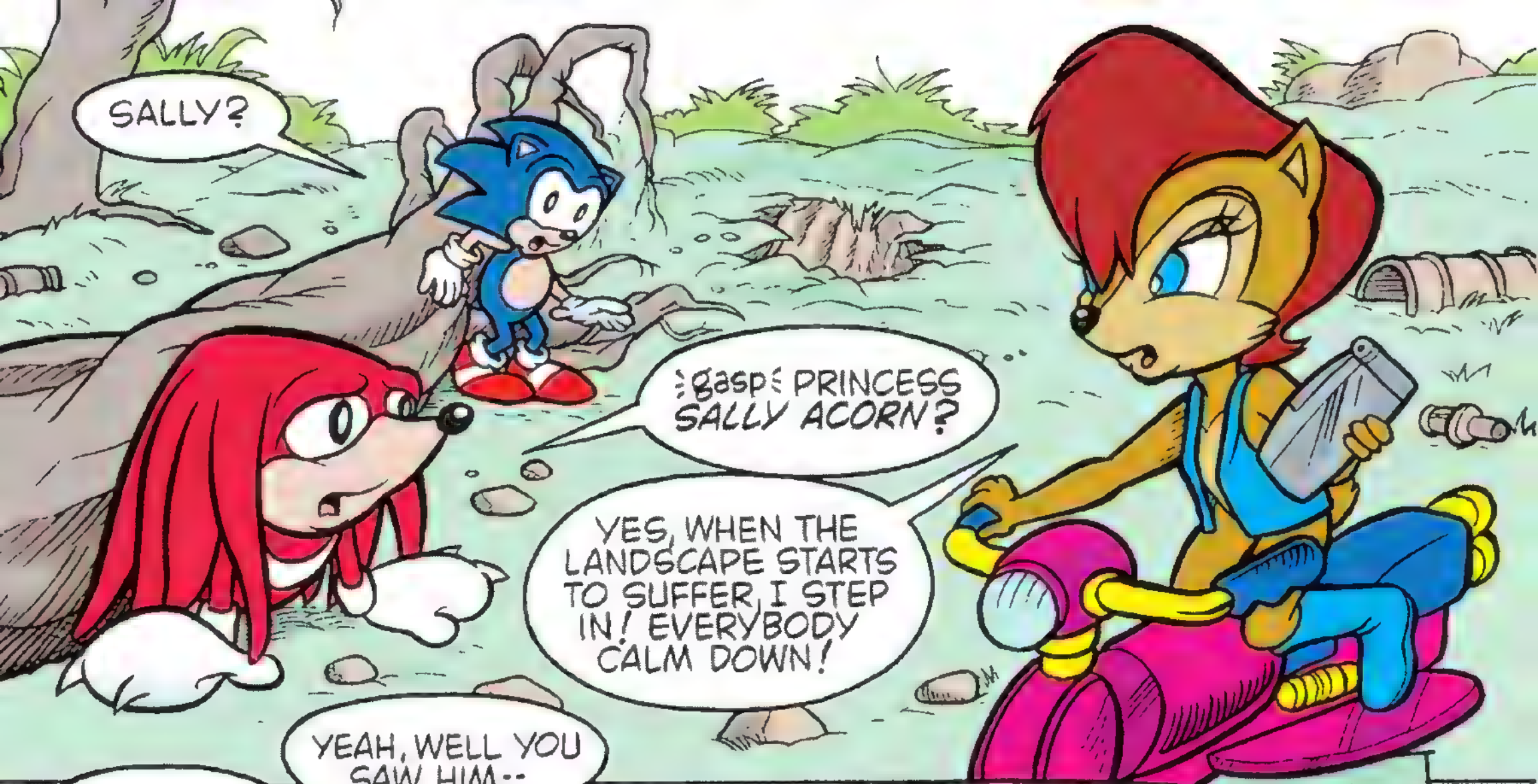
BY YANKING THE TREE BY THE ROOTS, HE LOOSENED IT...

TIMBER!

WHUMP!

AGH!!

HOLD IT RIGHT THERE -- BOTH OF YOU!



SALLY?

≡gasp≡ PRINCESS SALLY ACORN?

YES, WHEN THE LANDSCAPE STARTS TO SUFFER, I STEP IN! EVERYBODY CALM DOWN!

YEAH, WELL YOU SAW HIM--

HE BLIND-SIDED ME!  
CHEAT!  
DORK!

SNEAK!  
PUNK!

IT'S COMING FROM THE HOLE IN THE GROUND WHERE THE TREE WAS!



ALL RIGHT, ALREADY--Shhh!  
MY PORTABLE COMPUTER NICOLE IS DETECTING SOME SERIOUS RADIATION!



HMM...

?



DON'T BE SHY, BOYS!

TAKE A LOOK DOWN HERE!

grumble...

≡snort≡

# SONIC & KNUCKLES

in

# CRASH OF THE TITANS

PART III

CHECK IT OUT... IT'S A GATEWAY TO AN UNKNOWN ZONE!\*

MAJOR!

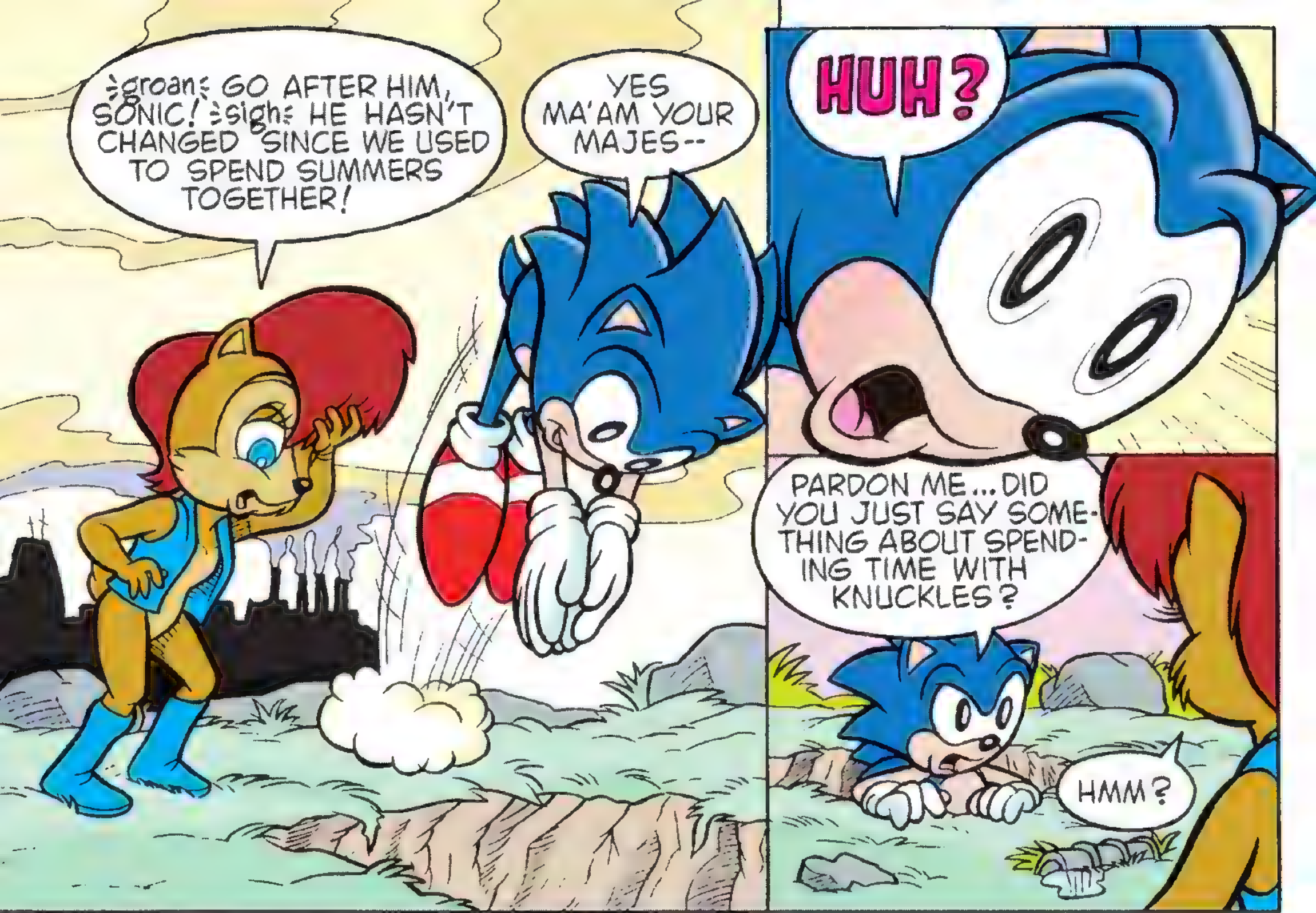
LOOK AT IT... SWIMMING WITH MAGIC RINGS AND CHAOS EMERALDS!

\* THE SAME TYPE OF ACTION ZONES FOUND IN ALL SONIC GAMES--EDITOR

KNUCKLES-- **WAIT!**

SORRY, SALLY-- I'M GOING FOR IT!

HEY! YOU ROTTEN--



⤵groan⤵ GO AFTER HIM, SONIC! ⤵sigh⤵ HE HASN'T CHANGED SINCE WE USED TO SPEND SUMMERS TOGETHER!

YES MA'AM YOUR MAJES--

HUH?

PARDON ME... DID YOU JUST SAY SOMETHING ABOUT SPENDING TIME WITH KNUCKLES?

HMM?



SONIC, I REALLY DON'T THINK THAT'S YOUR CONCERN!

WELL, I JUST--  
ahem! I MEAN... Y'KNOW--  
⤵ulp⤵ YOU AND ME...




GET ON HIS TRAIL, MISTER! THAT'S AN ORDER!

oop! YES'M!

⤵chuckle⤵ HE CARES!

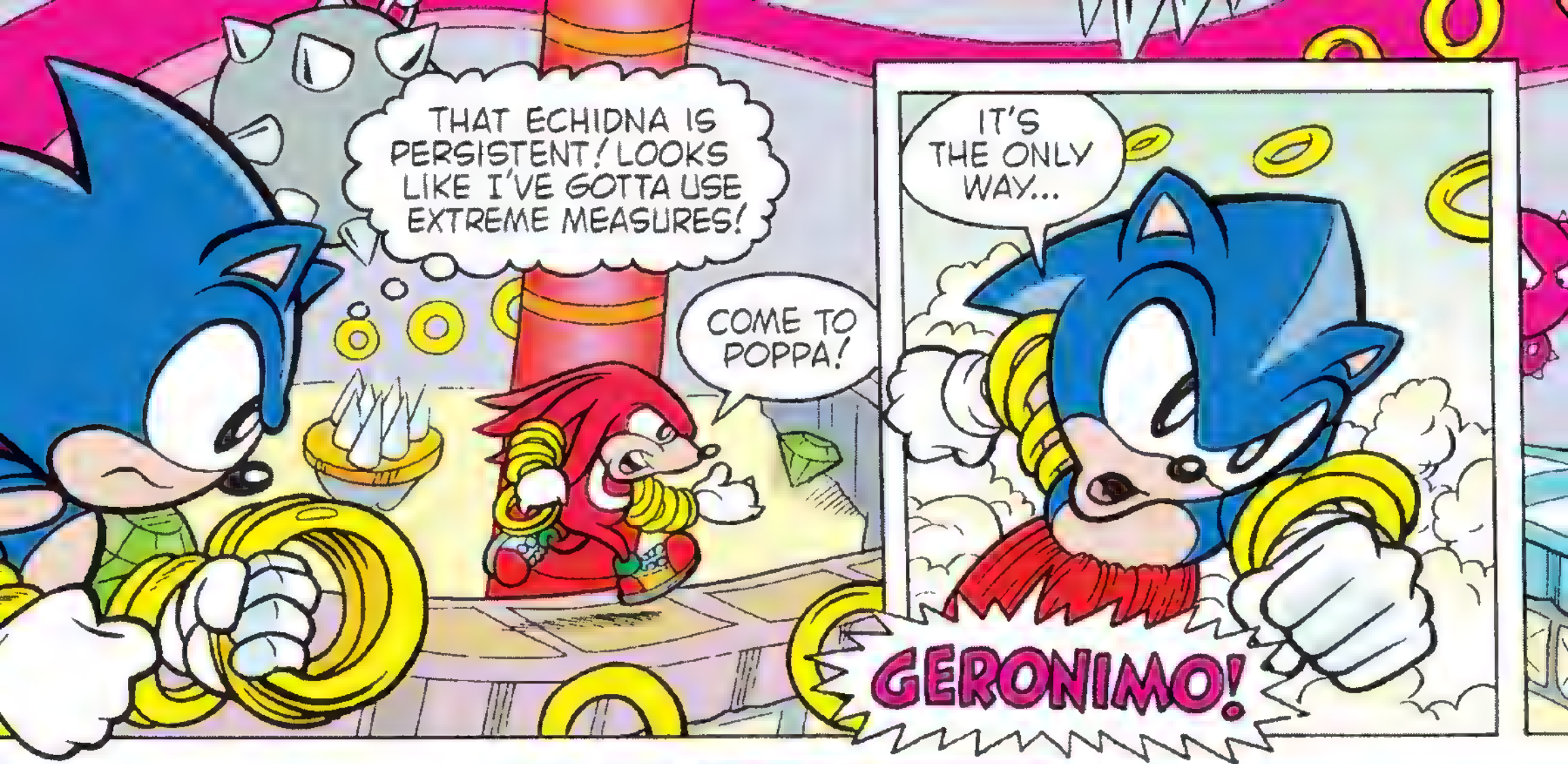
⤵chuckle⤵ SHE CARES!

A colorful comic book panel depicting Sonic the Hedgehog and Knuckles the Echidna in a treasure-filled level. Sonic is in the upper left, holding a green gem and a stack of gold rings. Knuckles is in the lower right, running and holding a stack of gold rings. The background features red pillars, a stone wall with 'X' marks, and various floating items like gold rings, green gems, and pink spiked enemies. A speech bubble from Sonic is at the top, and another from Knuckles is at the bottom left.

GIVE IT UP, KNUCKLEBRAIN!  
YOU GOT A HEAD START, BUT  
I'M FASTER THAN YOU!

BLOW IT OUT  
YOUR SNEAKERS, YOU  
BLUE BOZO!!! I'M PICKING  
THIS JOINT CLEAN!



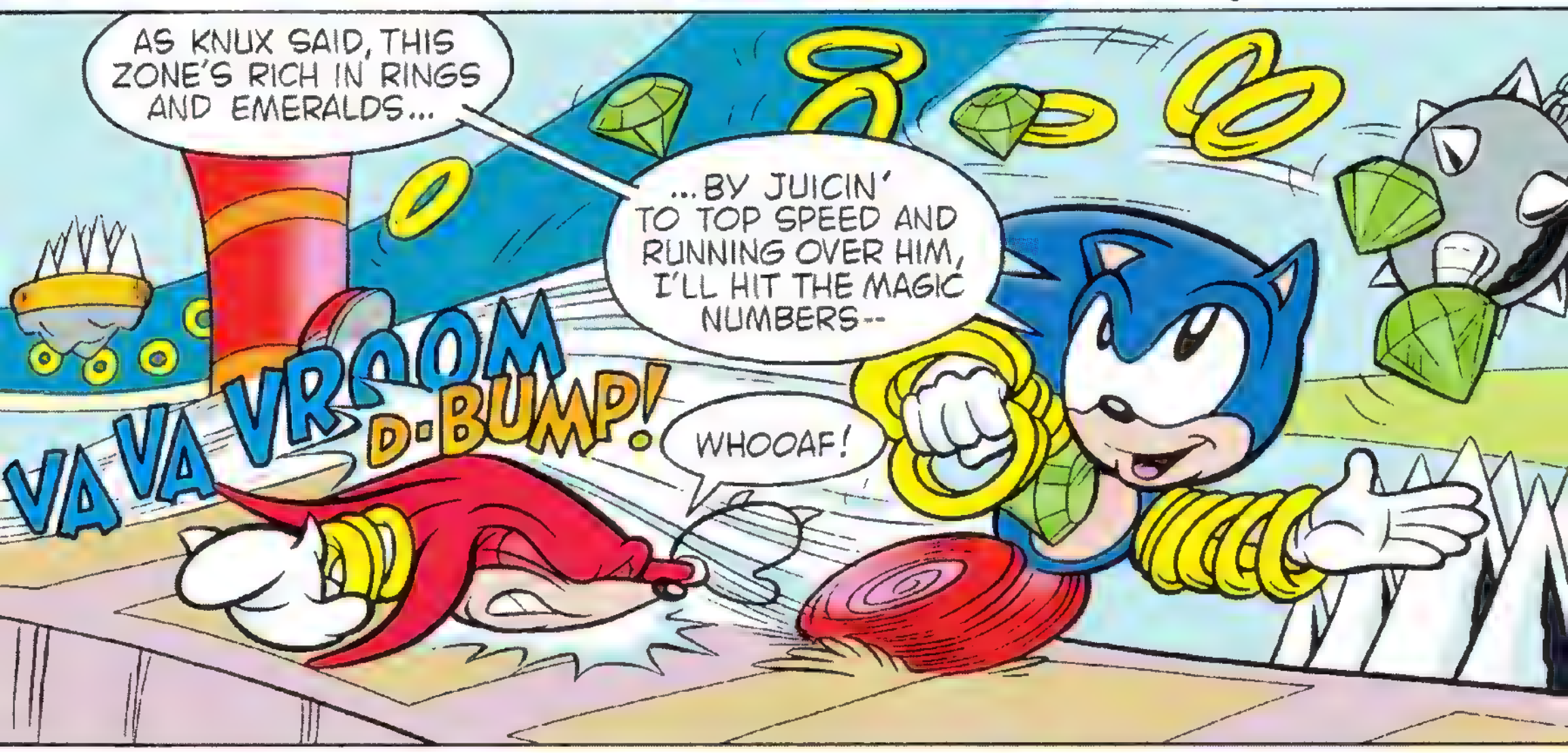


THAT ECHIDNA IS PERSISTENT! LOOKS LIKE I'VE GOTTA USE EXTREME MEASURES!

COME TO POPPA!

IT'S THE ONLY WAY...

**GERONIMO!**

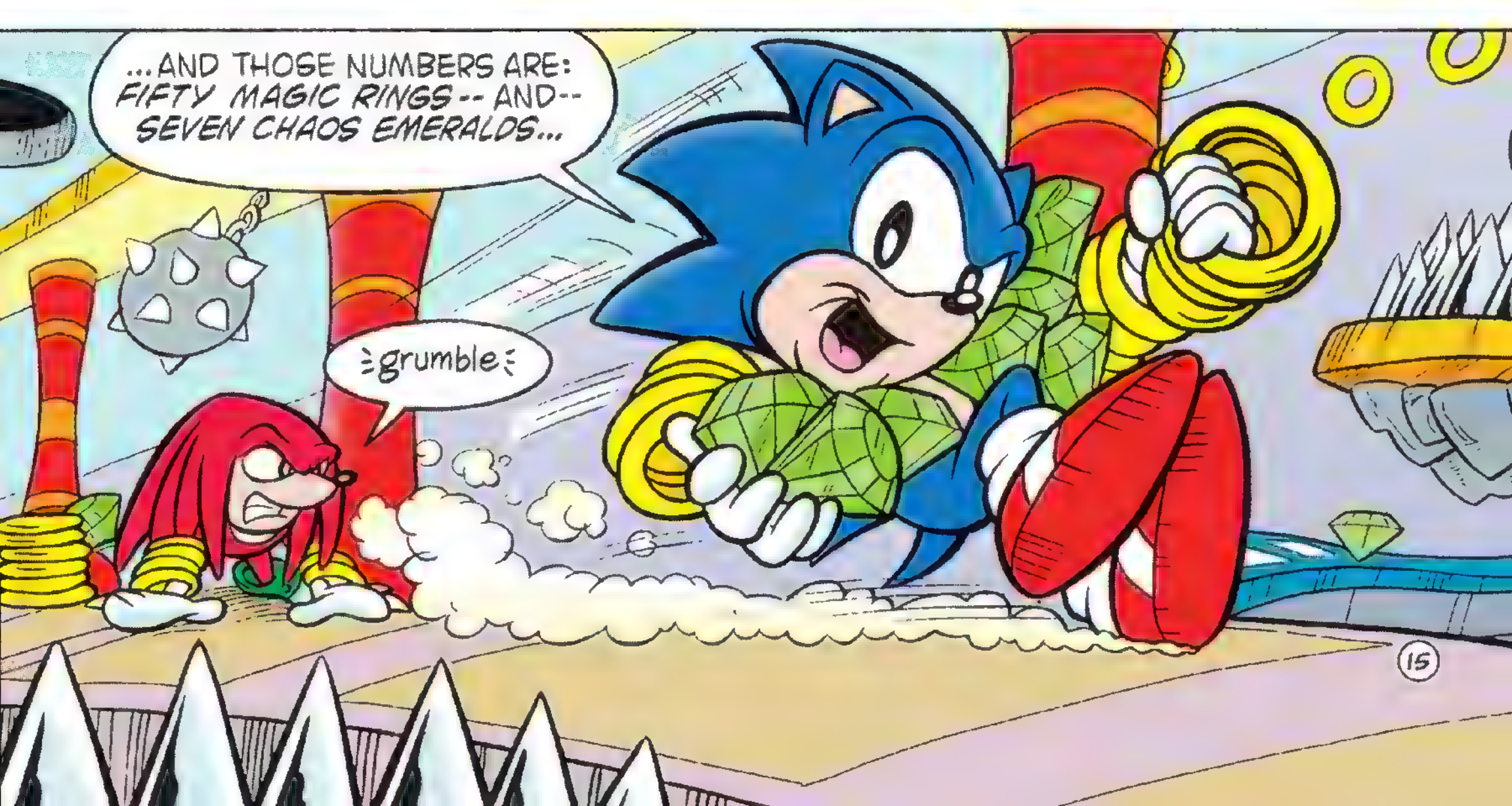


AS KNUX SAID, THIS ZONE'S RICH IN RINGS AND EMERALDS...

...BY JUICIN' TO TOP SPEED AND RUNNING OVER HIM, I'LL HIT THE MAGIC NUMBERS--

WHOOAF!

**VA VA VROOM D-BUMP!**

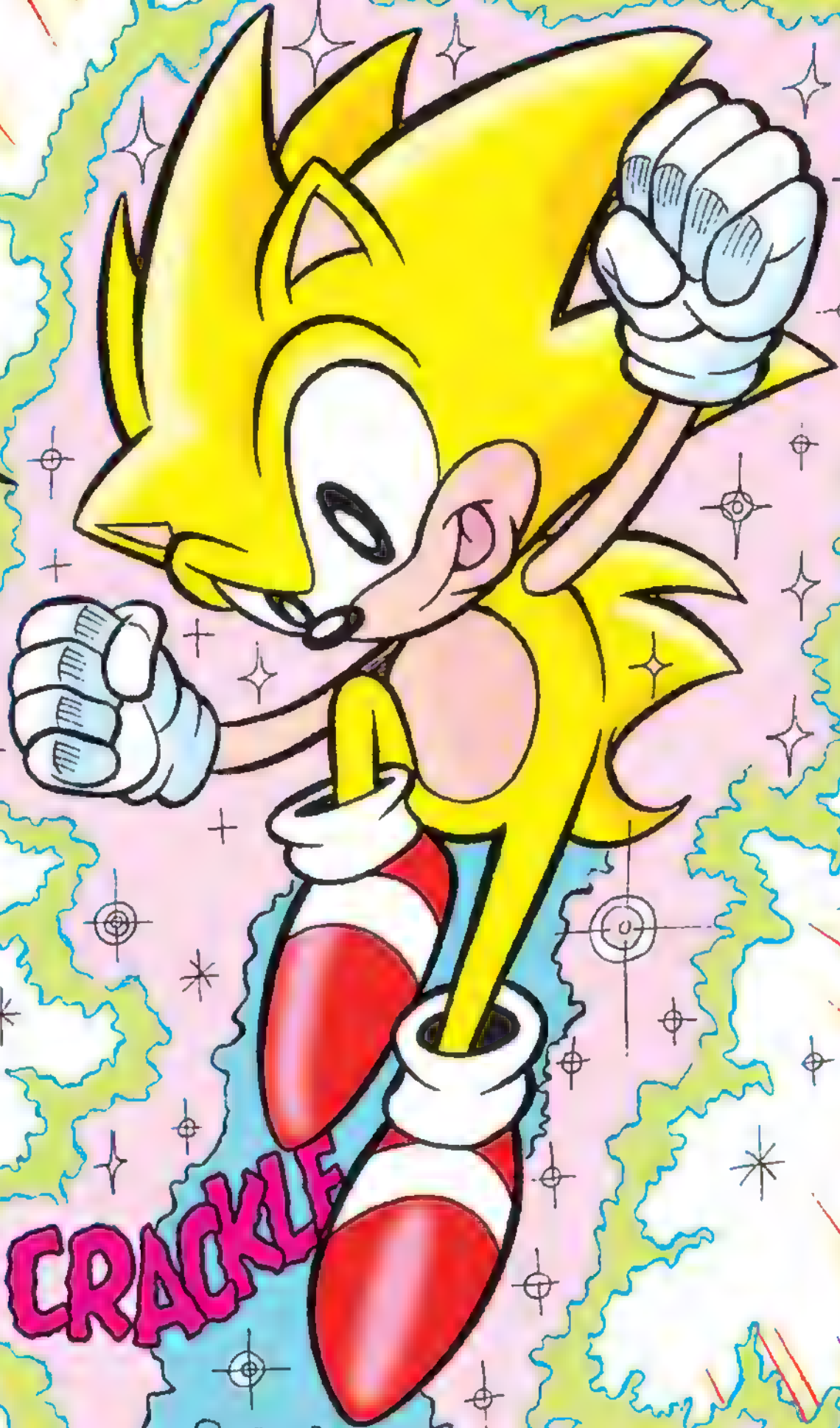


...AND THOSE NUMBERS ARE: FIFTY MAGIC RINGS-- AND-- SEVEN CHAOS EMERALDS...

grumble

...CHANGING ME INTO...

**SUPER  
SONIC!**



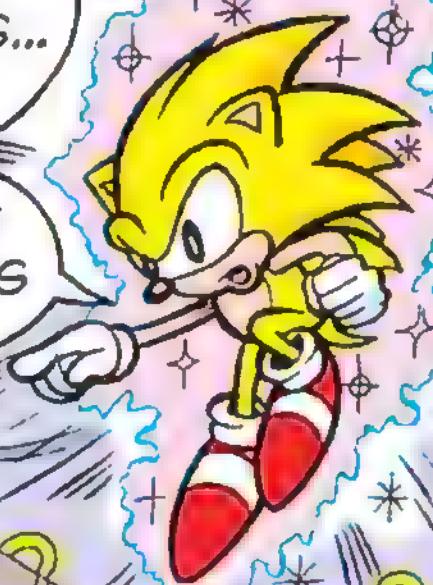
gulp!

**CRACKLE**

\*IT HAPPENED ONCE BEFORE...IN STH #4-EDITOR

SEVEN AND FIFTY, EH? OKAY-- I GOT ENOUGH EMERALDS... I'M FOUR RINGS SHORT!

OKAY, LITTLE GUY, THE GIG'S UP!



YOUR UNCONDITIONAL SURRENDER WILL BE--  
**HEY!**

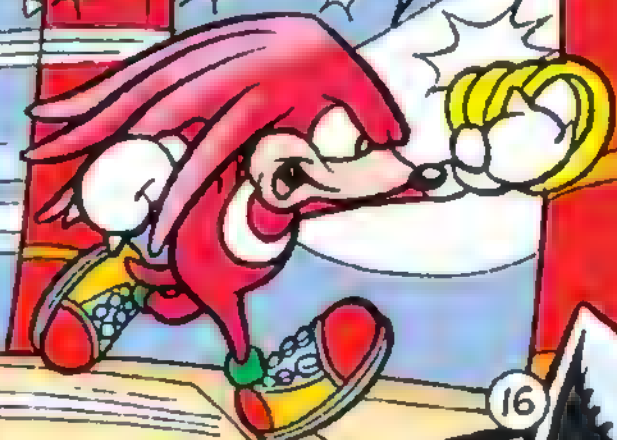
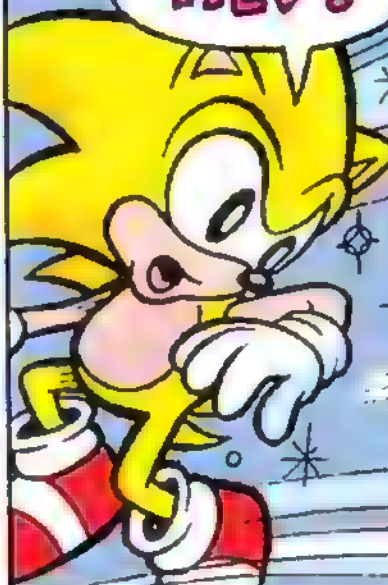
MAKE THAT--

THREE...

(TWO...

ONE...

BINGO!



STEP ASIDE,  
SUCKER! MAKE  
WAY FOR--

**ZZZZROOOOW!**

**HYPER  
KNUCKLES!**

IMPOSTER!  
COPYCAT!

YOUR POWERS  
CAN'T COMPARE  
TO MINE!

YOU TALK TOO  
MUCH, SUPERHOG!

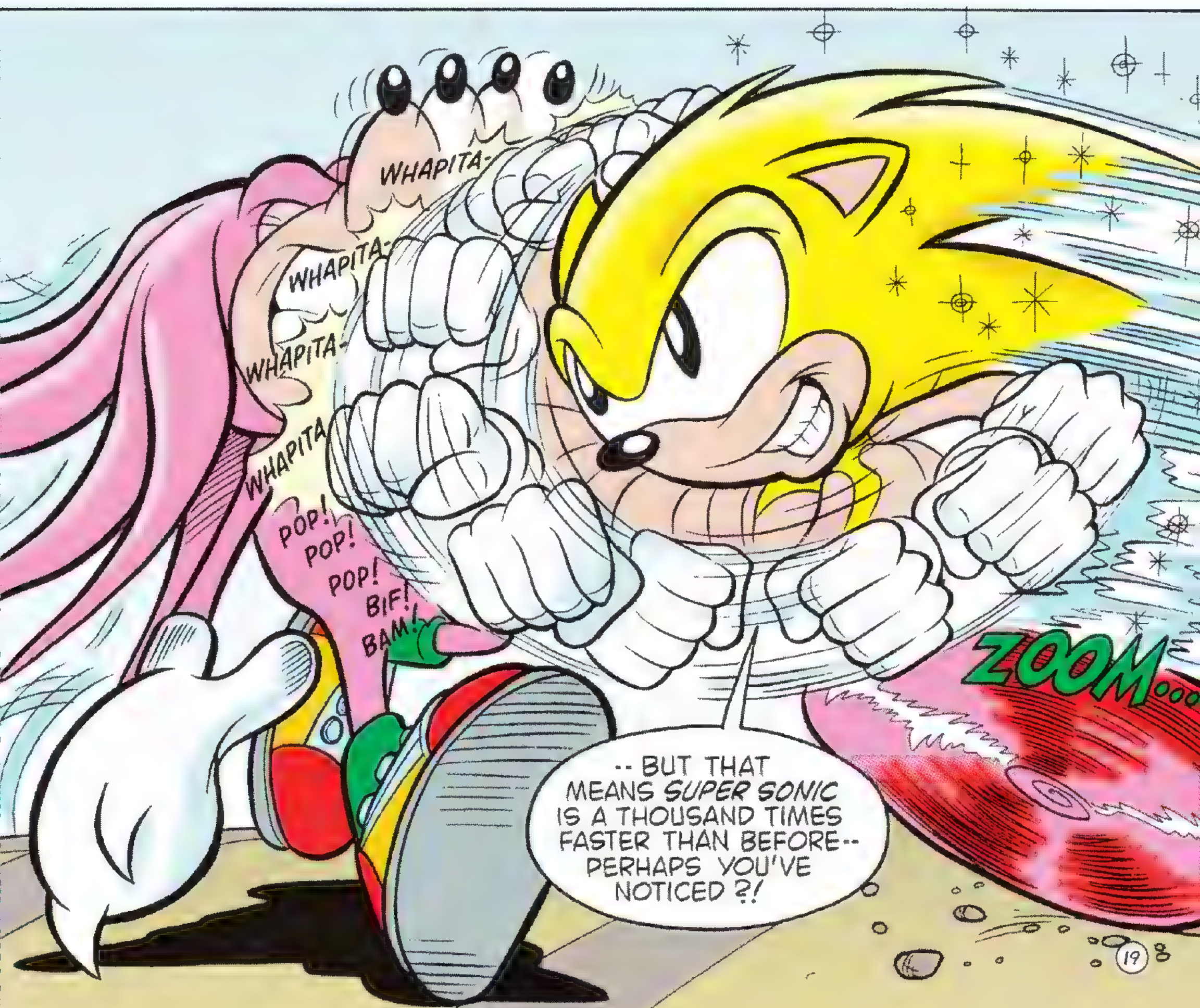
SO I'M GONNA  
SUPERSHUT YOU UP  
ONCE AND FOR ALL!

**FWHAM!**

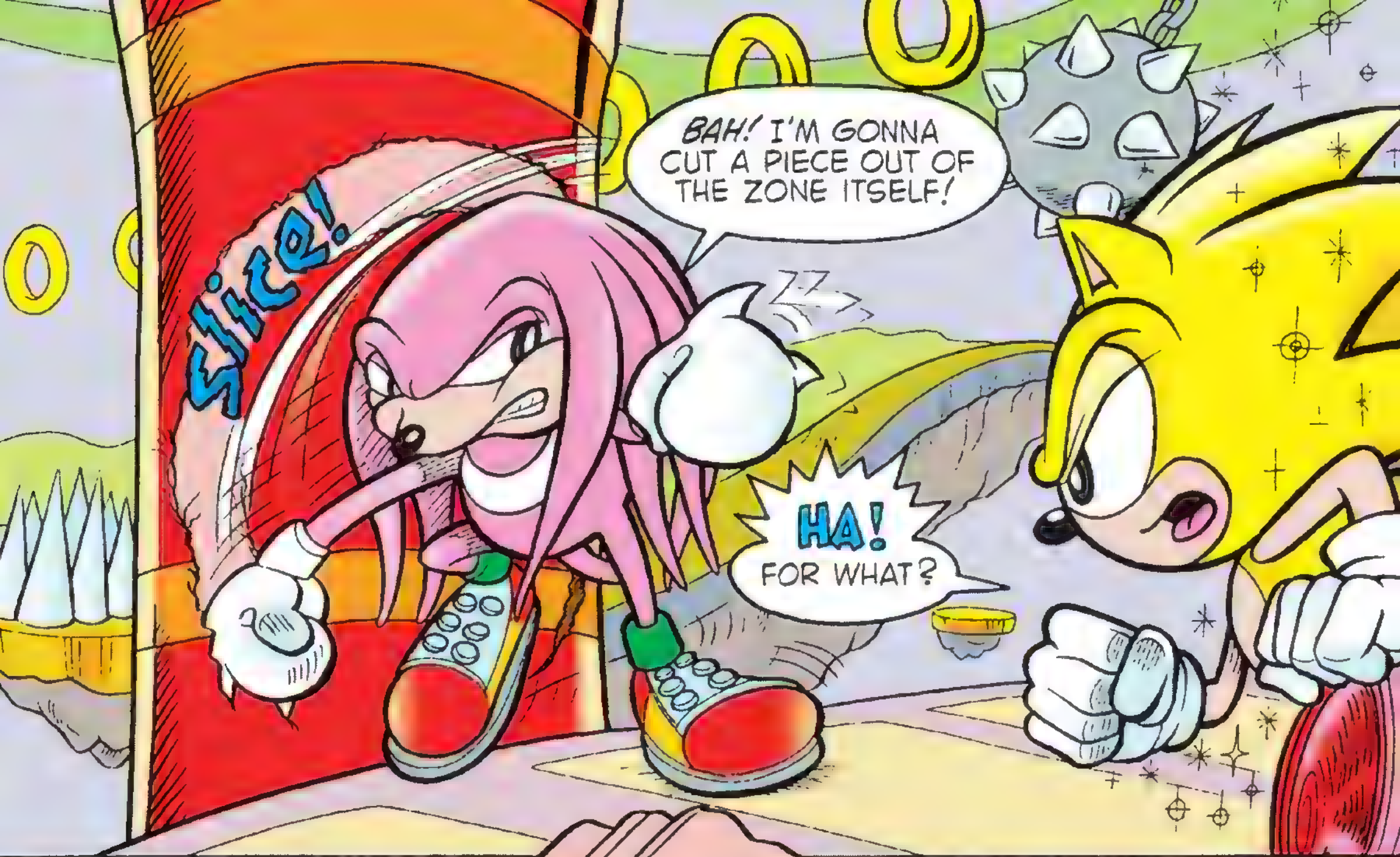
GNYAAA...



NOT BAD, *HYP*  
*KNUCKLES!* YOUR STRENGTH  
HAS INCREASED A  
THOUSANDFOLD--



-- BUT THAT  
MEANS *SUPER SONIC*  
IS A THOUSAND TIMES  
FASTER THAN BEFORE--  
PERHAPS YOU'VE  
NOTICED ?!



BAH! I'M GONNA CUT A PIECE OUT OF THE ZONE ITSELF!

Slice!

HA!  
FOR WHAT?



ALL THE BETTER TO SMACK YOU WITH, SUPER SONIC!

...schlik...

SSSSSSSWOT!!!

mff!



YOU CAN'T POSSIBLY RECOVER SO QUICKLY!

DOOF! AS SUPER SONIC, I AM PRACTICALLY INVULNERABLE!

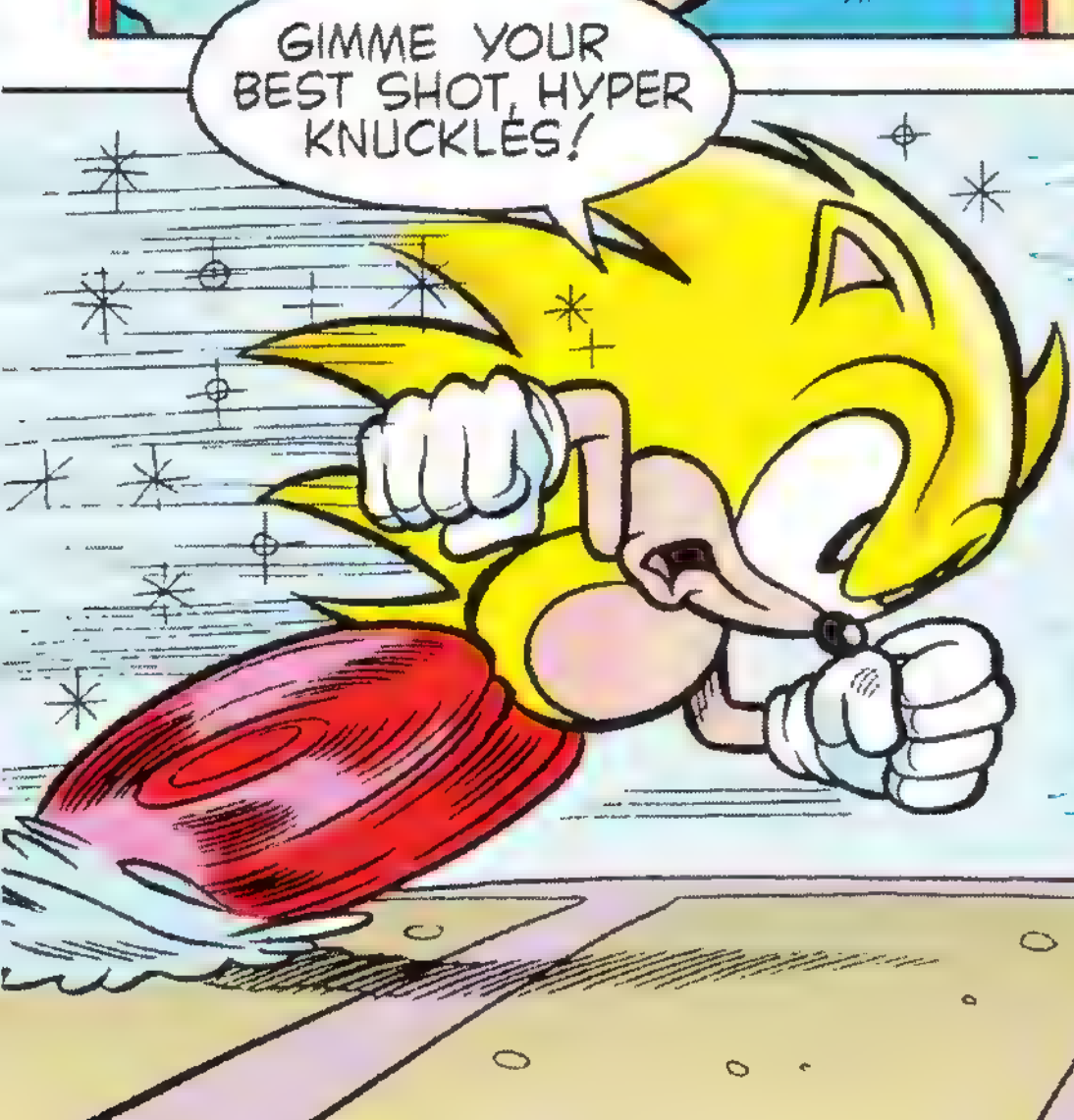


HOW ABOUT YOU, LITTLE MAN? CAN YOU TAKE AS GOOD AS YOU GIVE?

BETTER, CHUMP!

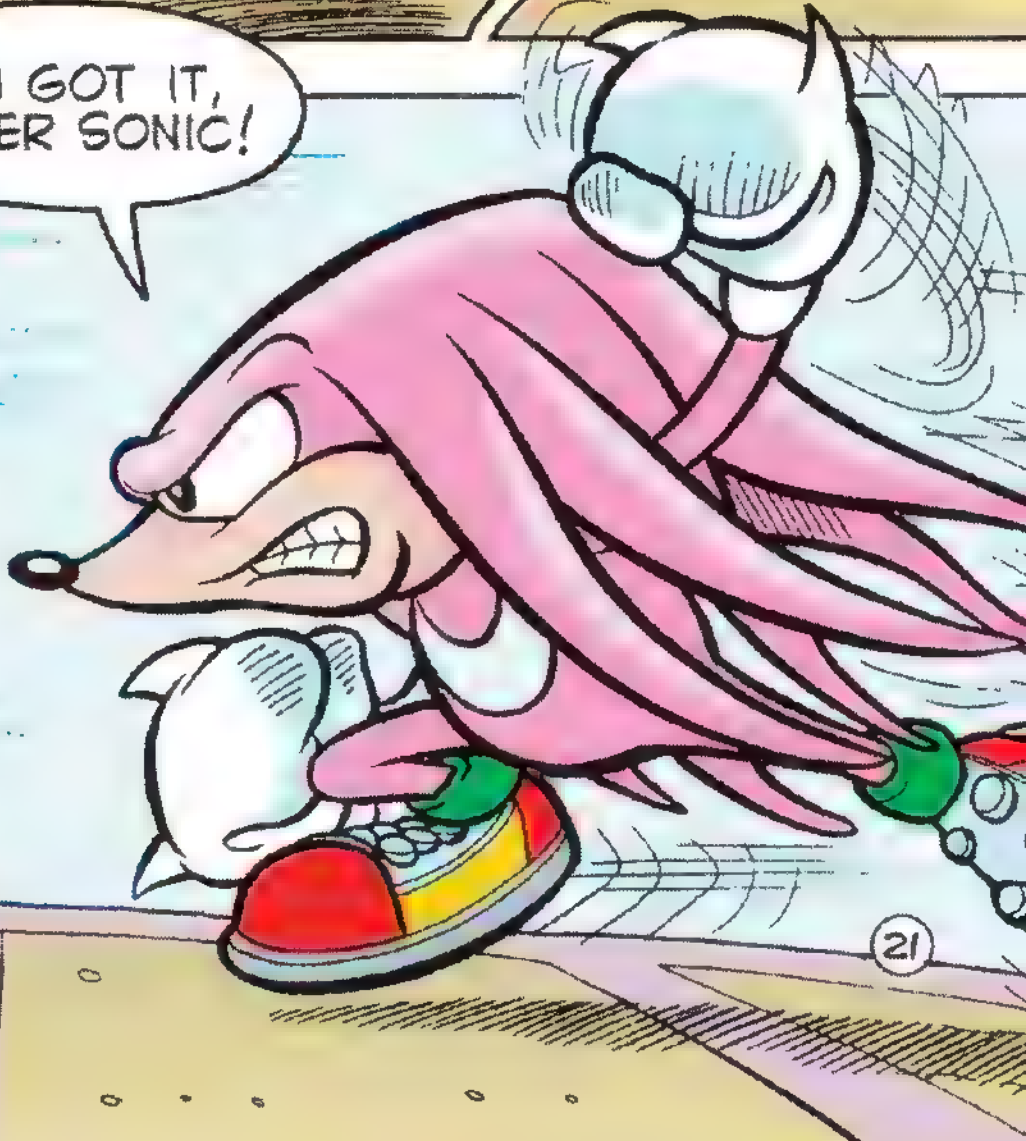


WELL, BRING IT ON!



GIMME YOUR BEST SHOT, HYPER KNUCKLES!

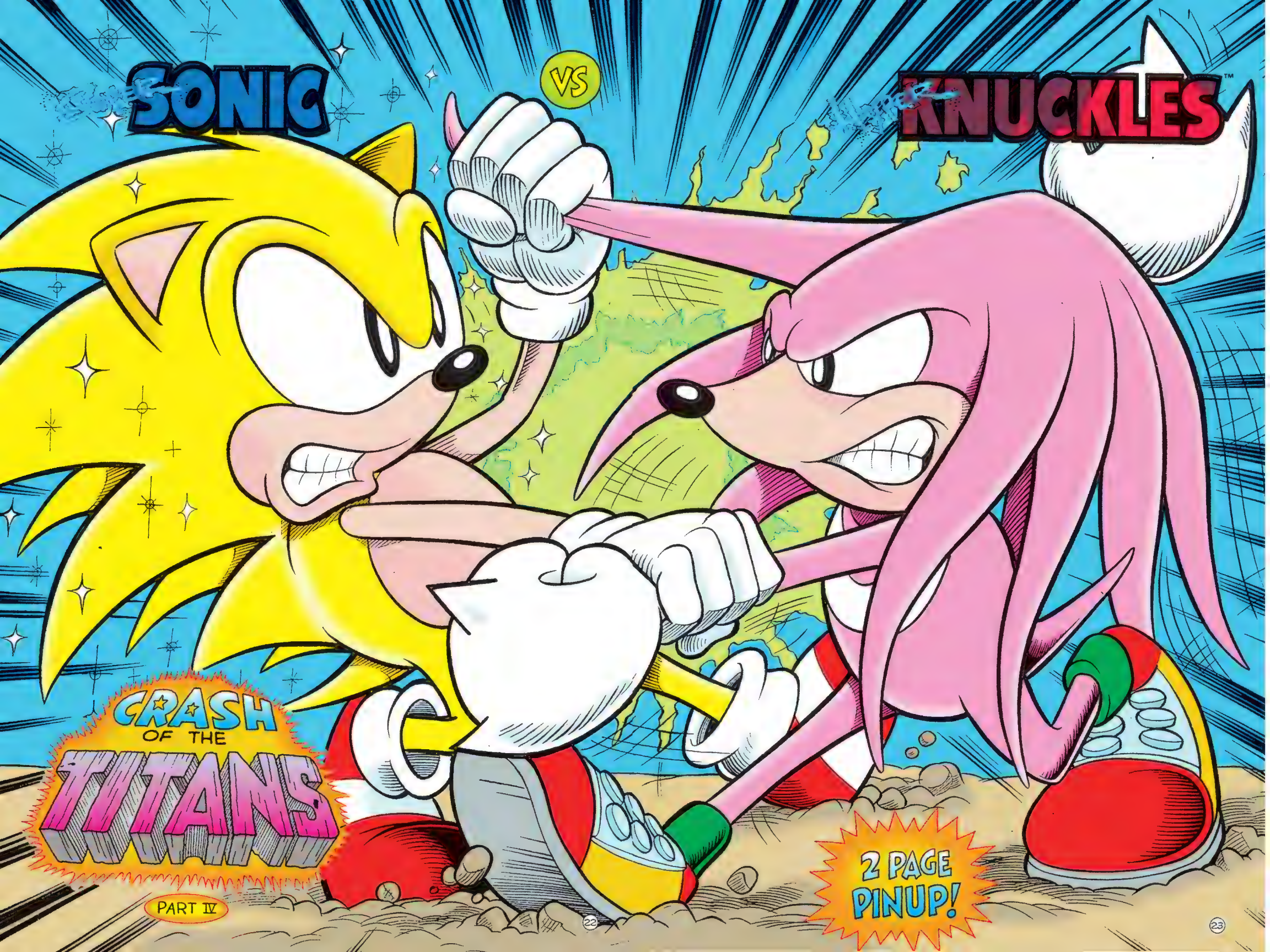
YOU GOT IT, SUPER SONIC!



**SONIC**

VS

**KNUCKLES**



**CRASH**  
OF THE  
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PART IV

**2 PAGE  
PINUP!**



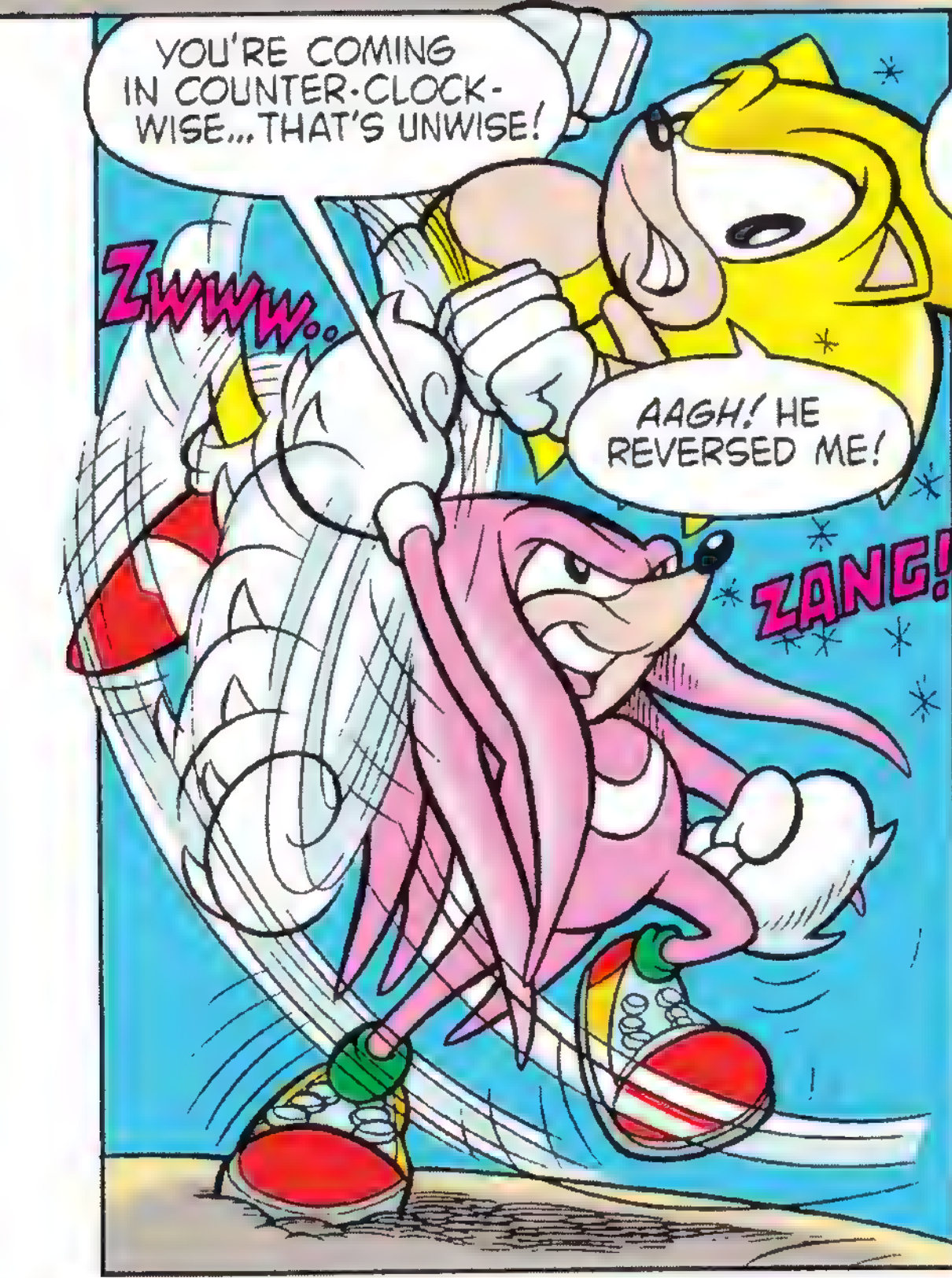


BAH! IS THAT ALL YOU'VE GOT? GET AWAY FROM ME WITH THAT SUPER SPIN DASH!

SHRING!

YOU CAN'T STOP ME THAT EASILY!

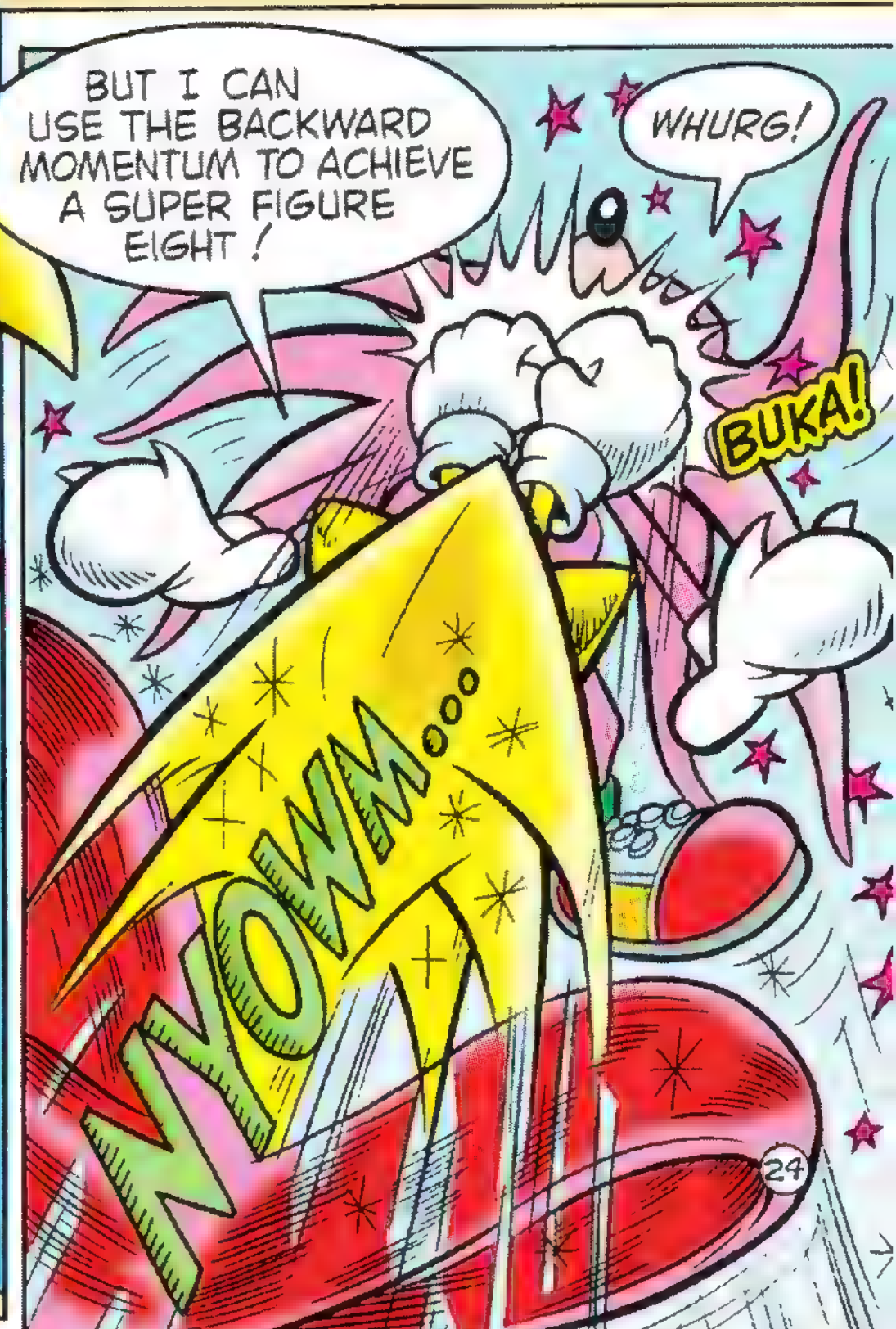
WZZZZ...



YOU'RE COMING IN COUNTER-CLOCK-WISE... THAT'S UNWISE!

AAGH! HE REVERSED ME!

ZANG!



BUT I CAN USE THE BACKWARD MOMENTUM TO ACHIEVE A SUPER FIGURE EIGHT!

WHURG!

BUKA!

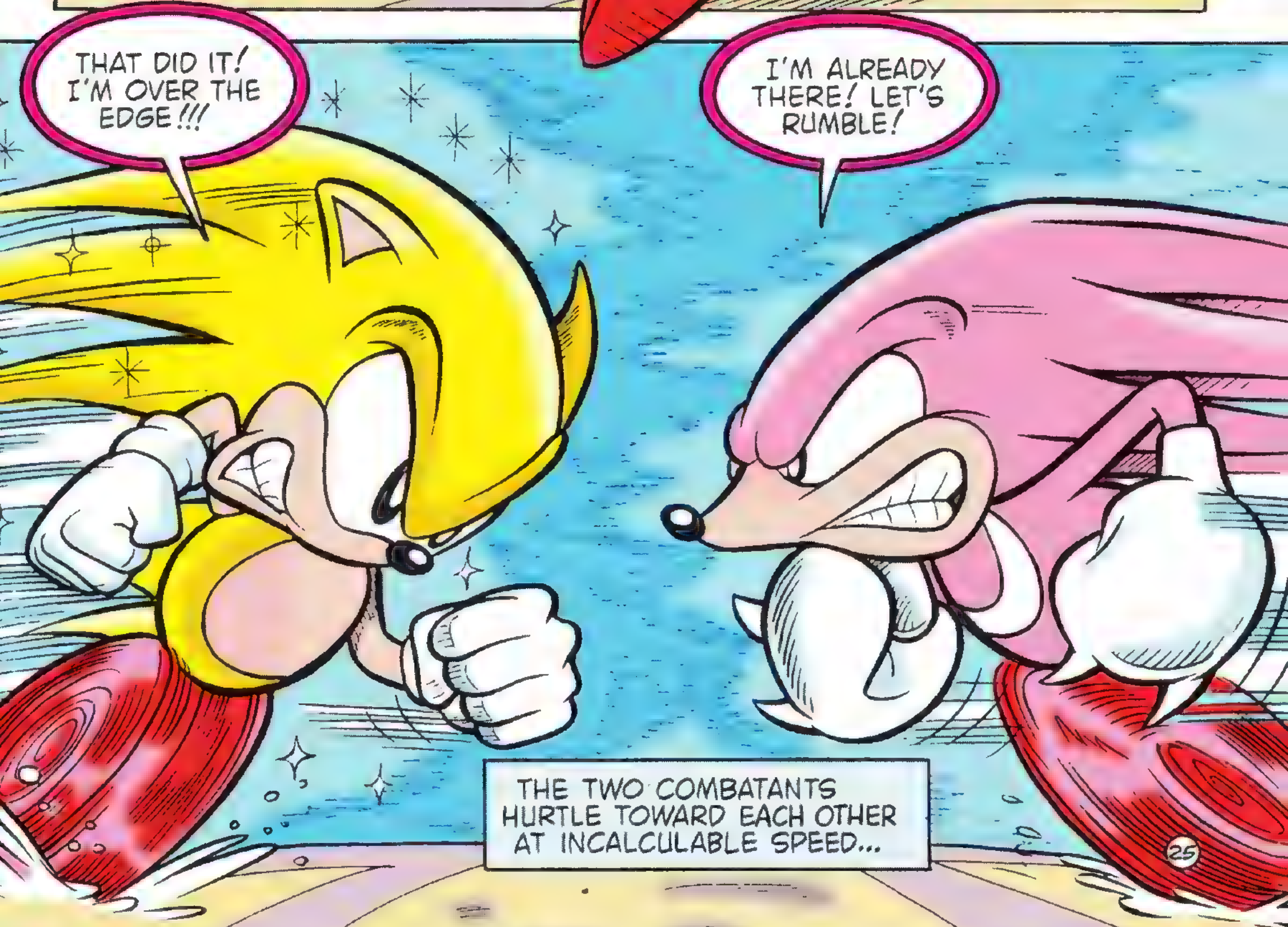
KNOVA...



AND I CAN USE MY WHIRLING FISTS LIKE WHEELS... AND MY FEET LIKE FEET!

KLOP!

WFFF!



THAT DID IT! I'M OVER THE EDGE!!!

I'M ALREADY THERE! LET'S RUMBLE!

THE TWO COMBATANTS HURTLE TOWARD EACH OTHER AT INCALCULABLE SPEED...

UNIMAGINABLE RAW ENERGY ERUPTS,  
LITERALLY BENDING TIME AND SPACE!

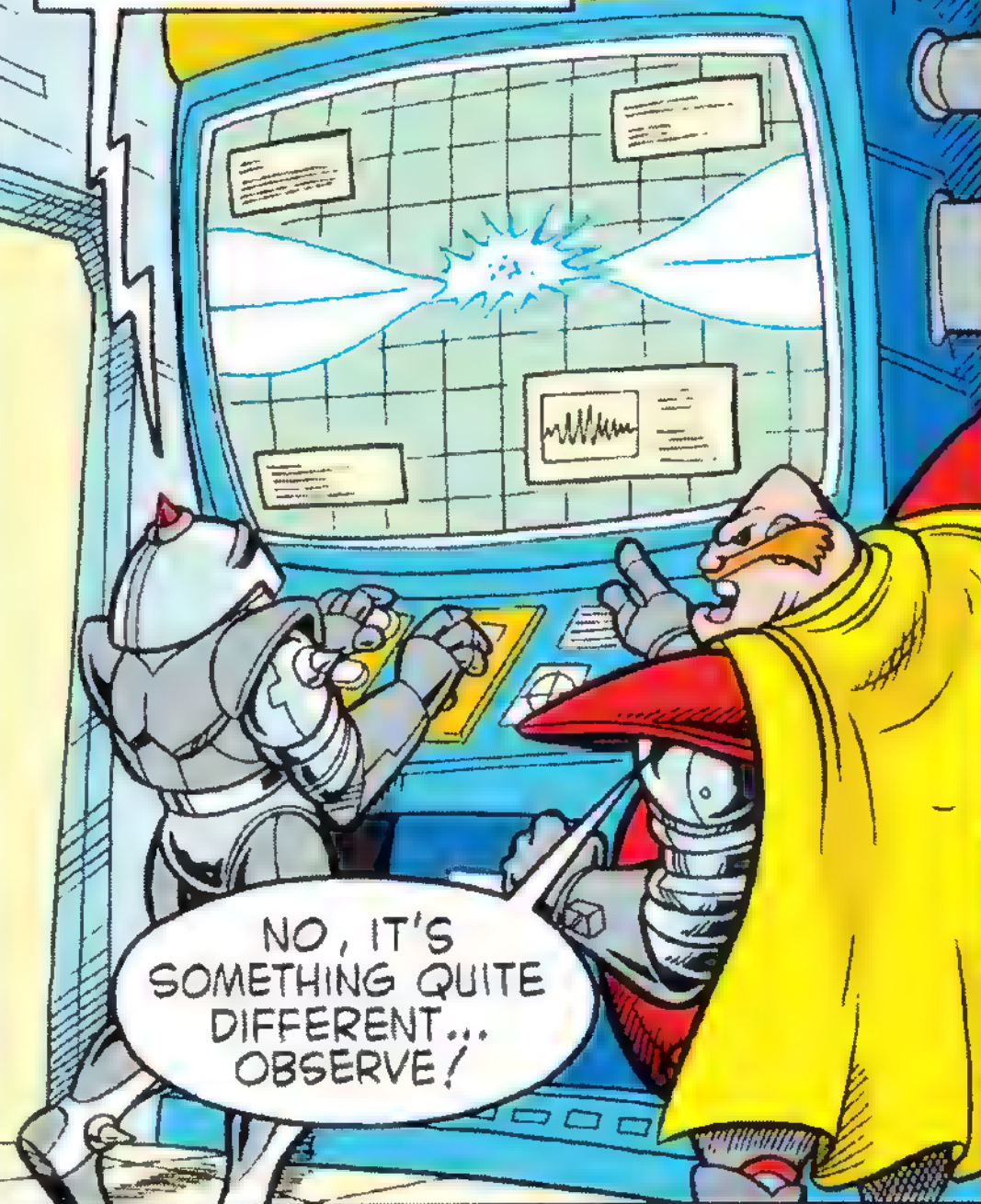
THE WALLS CONTAINING  
THE ZONE'S REALITY  
BEGIN WARPING WILDLY!

THE ZONE CAN  
NO LONGER CONTAIN  
ITSELF--IT SWELLS--  
IT CRACKS...

IT **EXPLODES!**

NEARBY...

MY LORD OF LARD...  
IT IS AN EARTHQUAKE!



NO, IT'S  
SOMETHING QUITE  
DIFFERENT...  
OBSERVE!

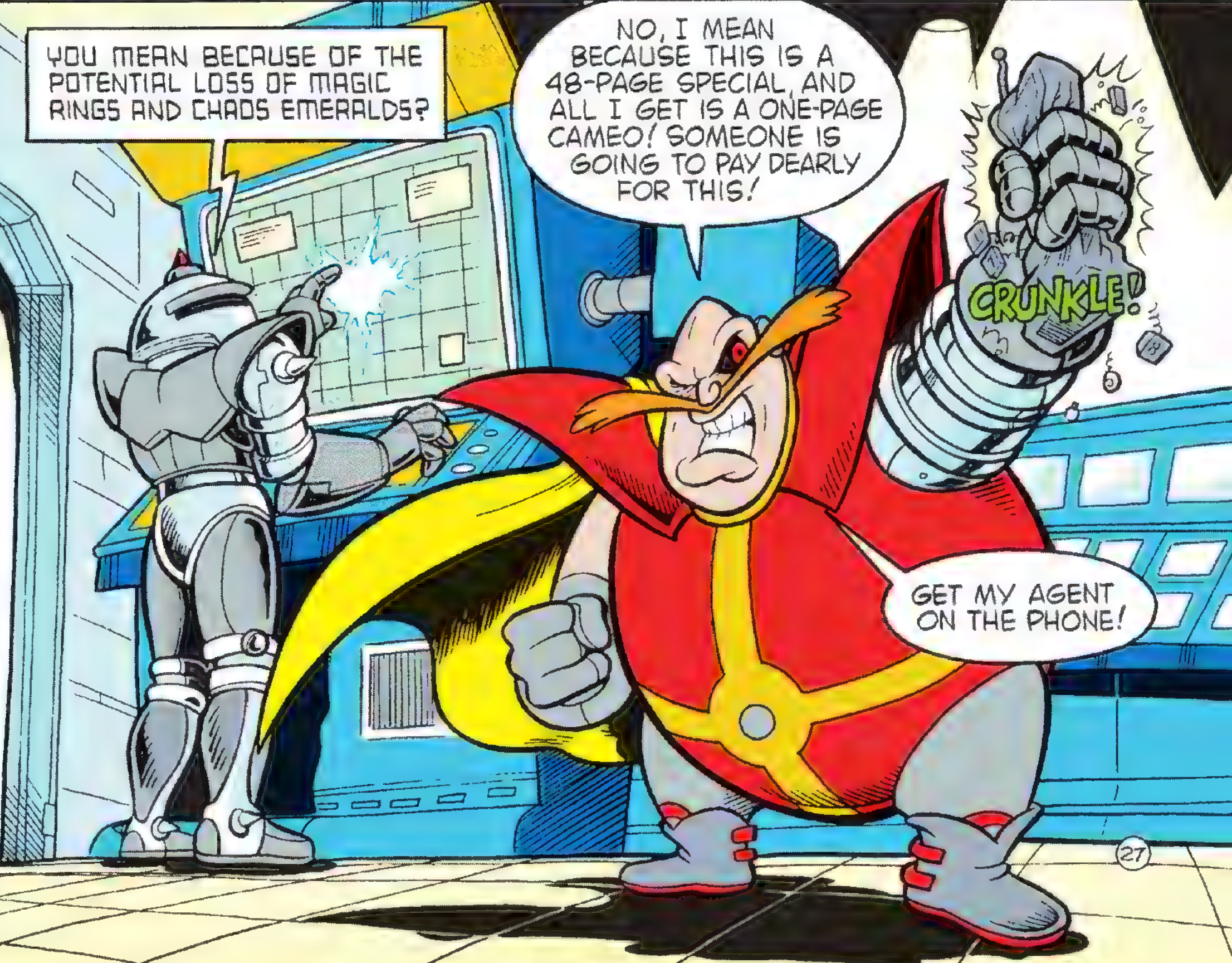
ENERGY OUTPUT READINGS ARE  
OFF THE SCALE! DISPERSION OF  
CONTENTS IRRETRIEVABLE!



THIS IS  
TERRIBLE!

YOU MEAN BECAUSE OF THE  
POTENTIAL LOSS OF MAGIC  
RINGS AND CHADS EMERALDS?

NO, I MEAN  
BECAUSE THIS IS A  
48-PAGE SPECIAL, AND  
ALL I GET IS A ONE-PAGE  
CAMEO! SOMEONE IS  
GOING TO PAY DEARLY  
FOR THIS!



GET MY AGENT  
ON THE PHONE!

NOT FAR AWAY...

WOO-HA! ANYBODY GET THE NUMBER ON THAT COSMIC BUS?

EASY, SONIC...

HUH?.. WHO-- SALLY! WHAT'RE YOU DOING IN THE ZONE?

THANKS TO YOU, THAT ZONE'S BEEN OBLITERATED!

THERE'S NO TRACE OF IT--

--NO EMERALDS--

--NO RINGS--

NOTHING! ZERO! NADA! ZIP!

YOU WERE BLOWN FREE AND LANDED HERE... BACK TO NORMAL!

... WHERE SOME PEOPLE THINK OUR MONITOR ISN'T WORKING!

THAT'S A GREAT CAMOUFLAGE JOB!

wink!

I DON'T FEEL NORMAL... AND WHERE'S "HERE"?

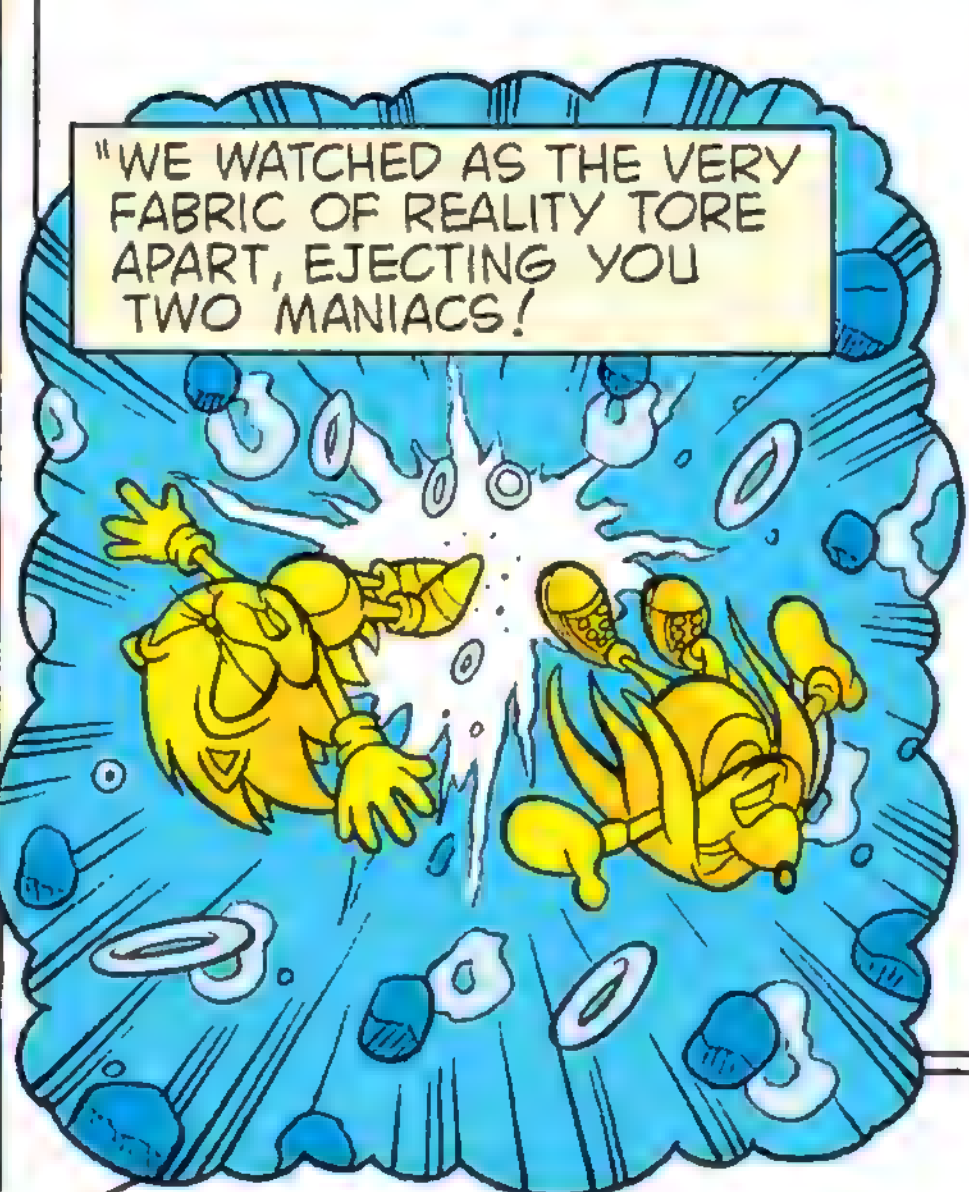
RIGHT NEXT TO THE LAKE OF RINGS...



SO YOU SAW WHAT HAPPENED?

YES--FROM KNOTHOLE CONTROL!

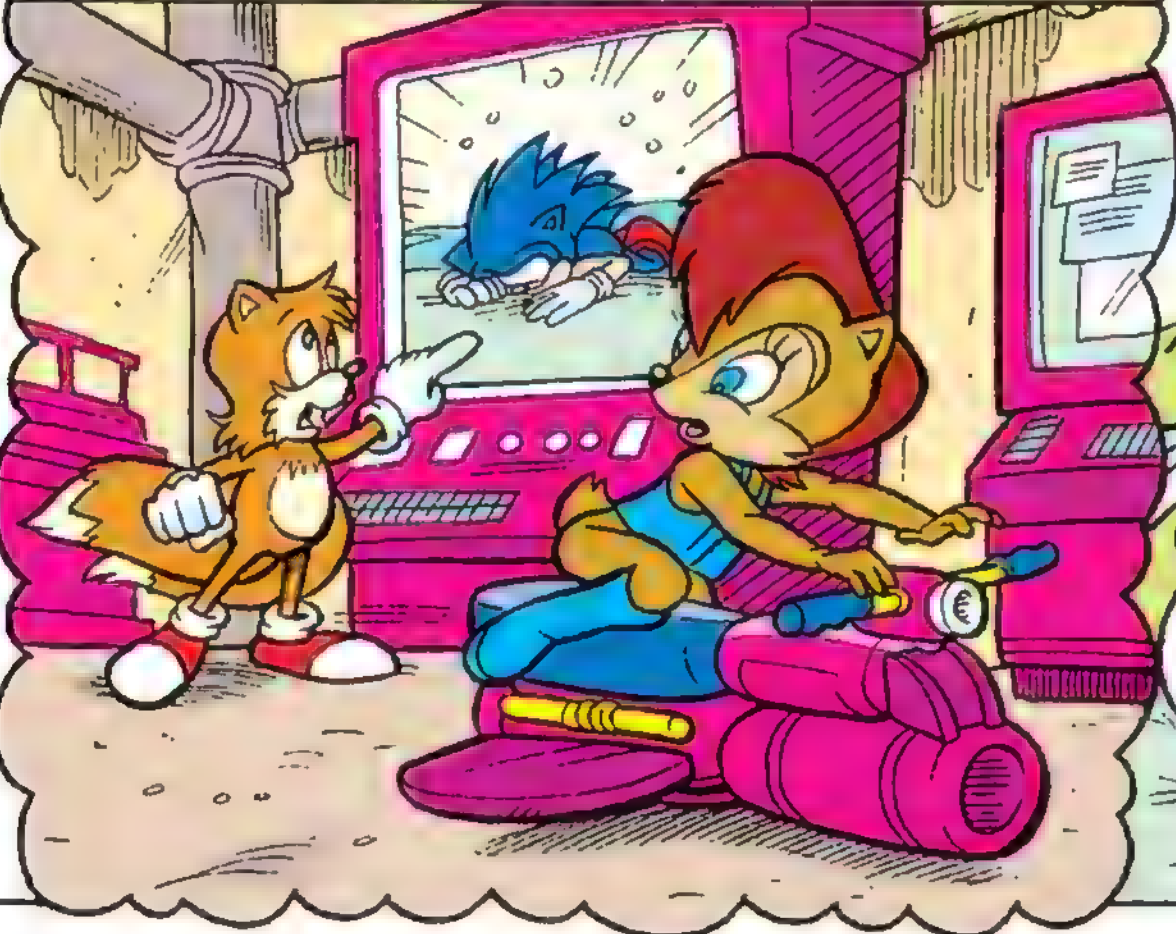
AFTER YOU GUYS ENTERED THE ZONE, I REJOINED TAILS WHO WAS MONITORING YOUR PROGRESS! SUDDENLY, WE SAW IT BLOWN TO BITS!



"WE WATCHED AS THE VERY FABRIC OF REALITY TORE APART, EJECTING YOU TWO MANIACS!"

"YOU LANDED RIGHT NEXT TO THE LAKE WHERE IT ALL STARTED! I GOT ON MY SKY-CYCLE AND FLEW HERE A.S.A.P.!"

I APPRECIATE THAT, SALLY! SAY--WHAT ABOUT--

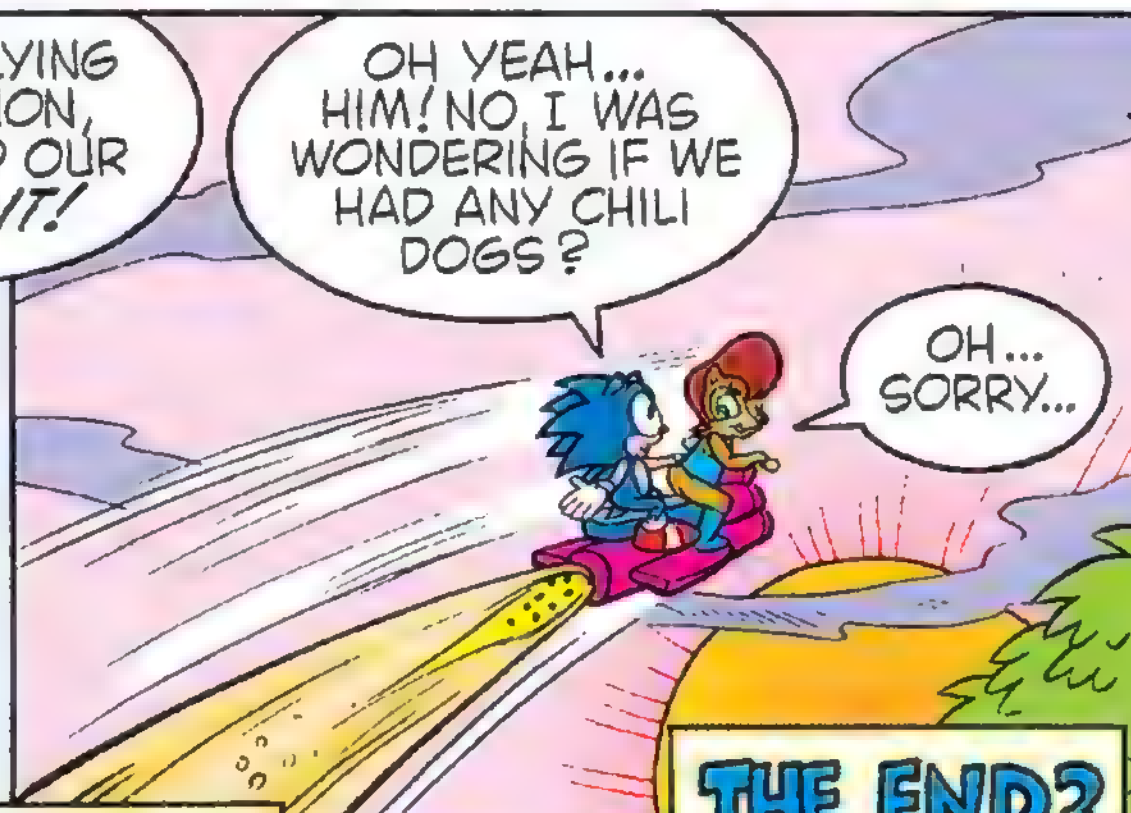
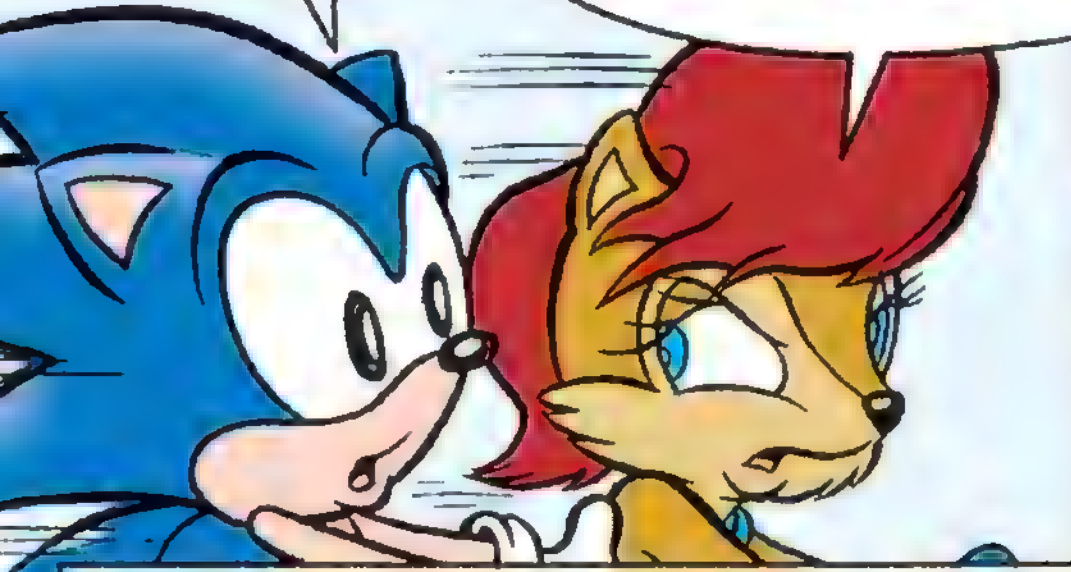


C'MON... BETTER GET BACK BEFORE ROBOTNIK COMES SNOOPING!

OKAY...:ahem: I WAS WONDERING IF YOU--

KNUCKLES WENT FLYING IN ANOTHER DIRECTION, OKAY? NEVER MIND OUR PAST! \*JUST DROP IT!

OH YEAH... HIM! NO I WAS WONDERING IF WE HAD ANY CHILI DOGS?



OH... SORRY...

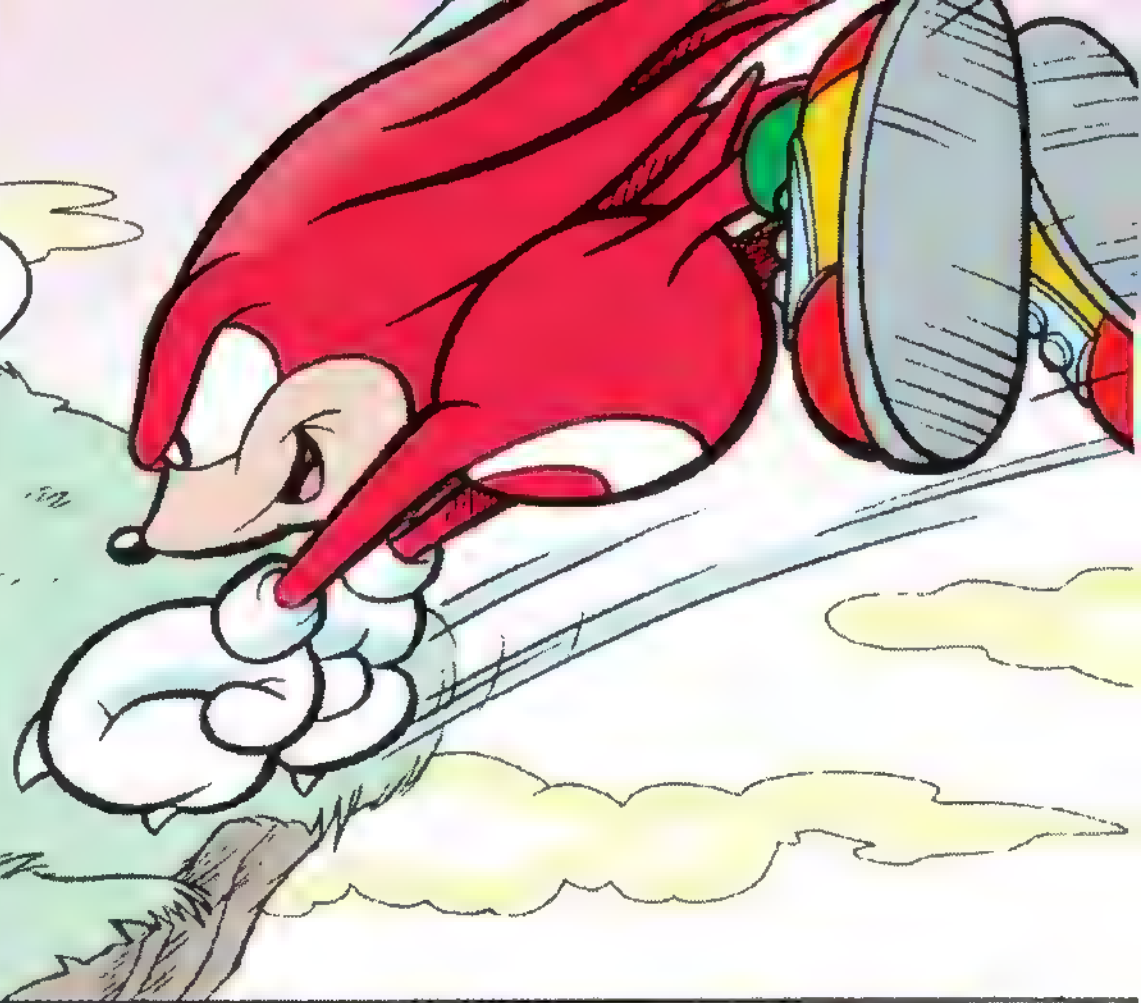
\*I'LL BET YOU WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THIS TANTALIZING TIDBIT! WRITE "SONIC-GRAMS". ED.

**THE END?**  
ALMOST...

SOME TIME LATER...

WELL, WELL...  
LOOK WHO'S  
HOME!

WHAT'S NEW,  
MIGHTY?



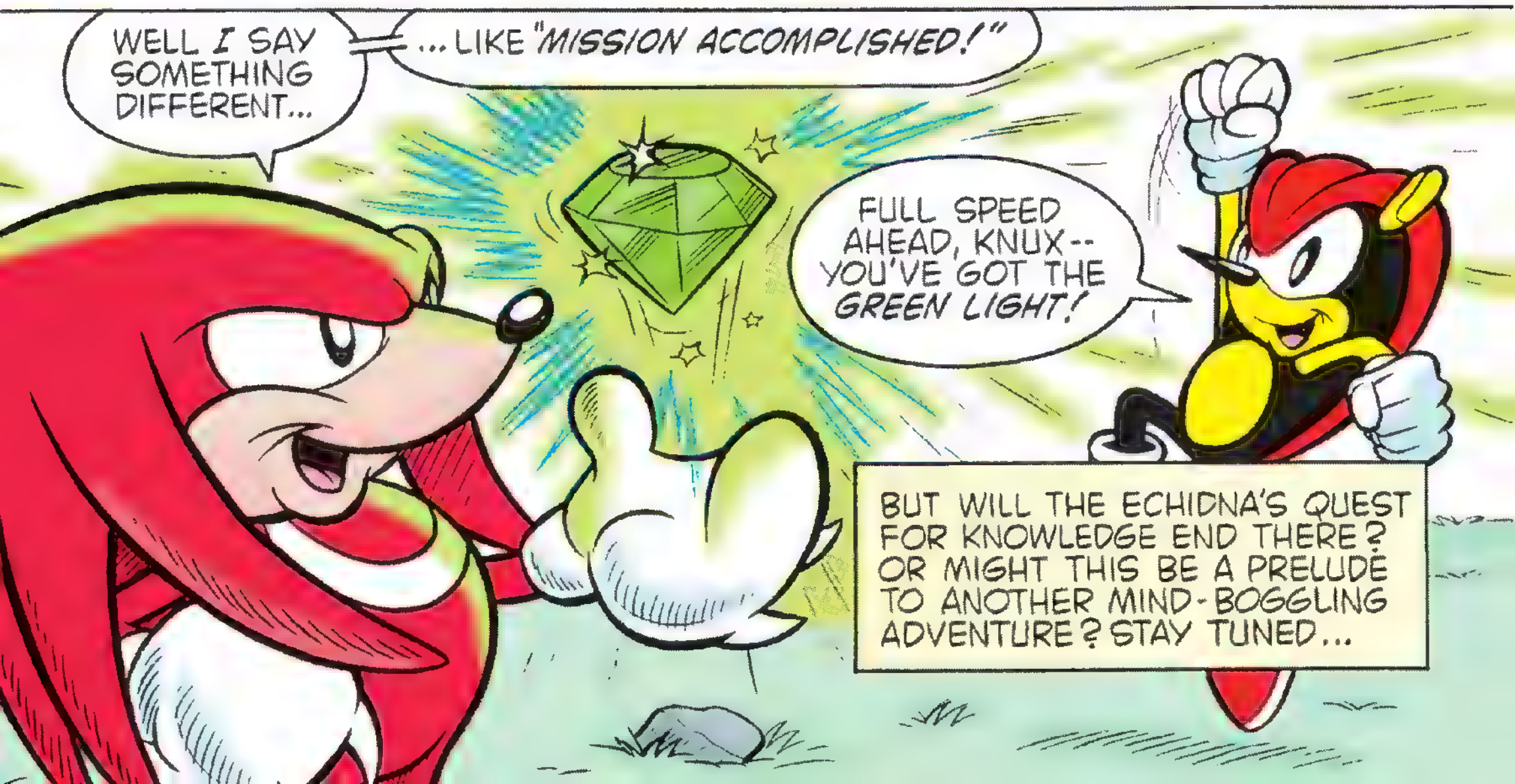
YOU ARE, RAD RED! HYPER-KNUCKLES' BATTLE WITH SUPER SONIC IS THE TALK OF THE ISLAND!

OH REALLY?



YEAH! THEY SAY YOU TORE EACH OTHER UP! THEY SAY THE ZONE COLLAPSED, TAKING ALL THE RINGS AND EMERALDS WITH IT!

IS THAT WHAT "THEY" SAY?



WELL I SAY SOMETHING DIFFERENT...

...LIKE "MISSION ACCOMPLISHED!"

FULL SPEED AHEAD, KNUX-- YOU'VE GOT THE GREEN LIGHT!

BUT WILL THE ECHIDNA'S QUEST FOR KNOWLEDGE END THERE? OR MIGHT THIS BE A PRELUDE TO ANOTHER MIND-BOGGLING ADVENTURE? STAY TUNED...

SONIC'S FRIENDLY NEMESIS

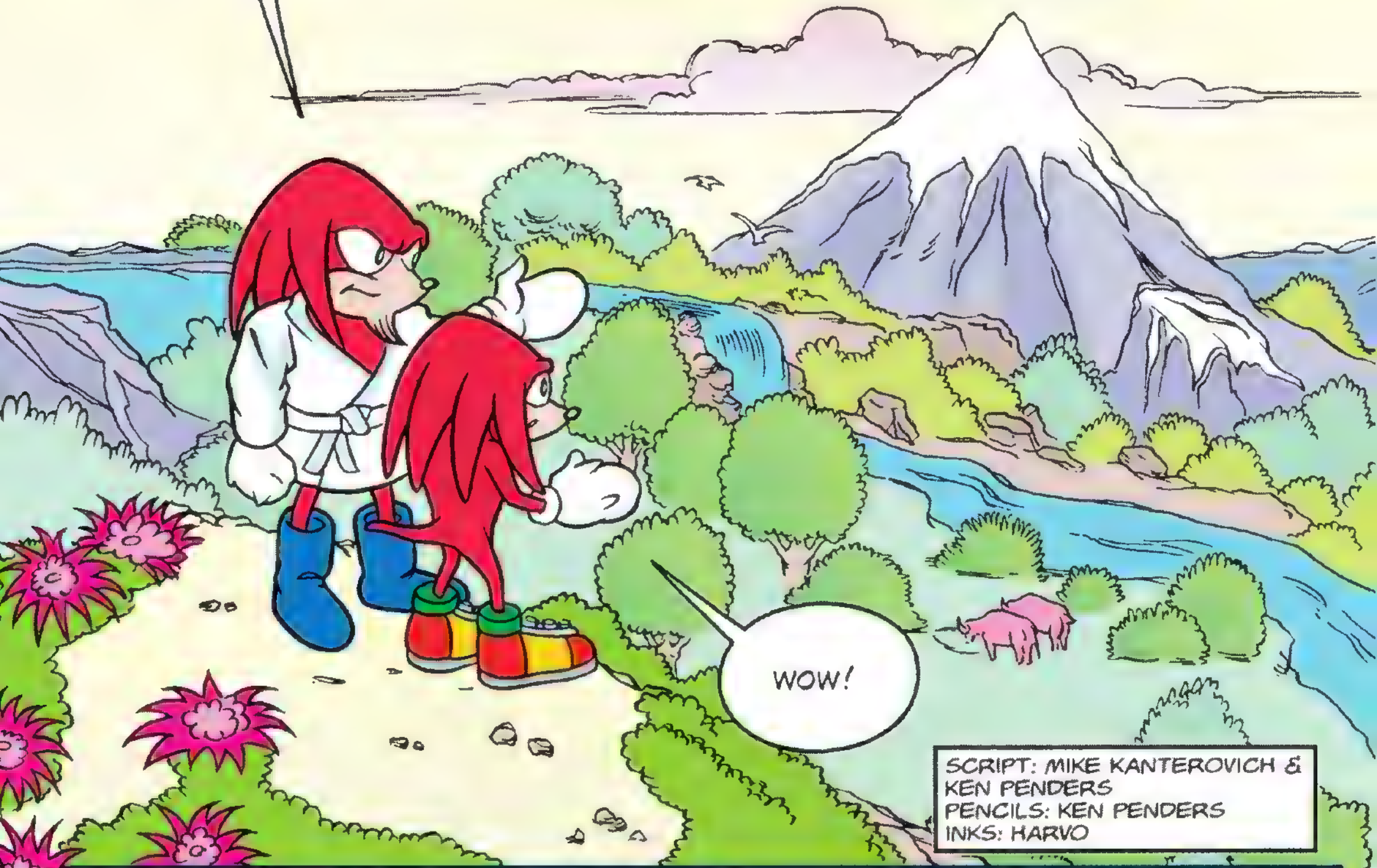
# GNUCKLES™

# FATHERS & SONS

... AND SOME DAY SOON, MY SON, IT'LL FALL ONTO YOUR SHOULDERS--

--THE MANTLE OF GUARDIAN OF THE FLOATING ISLAND--

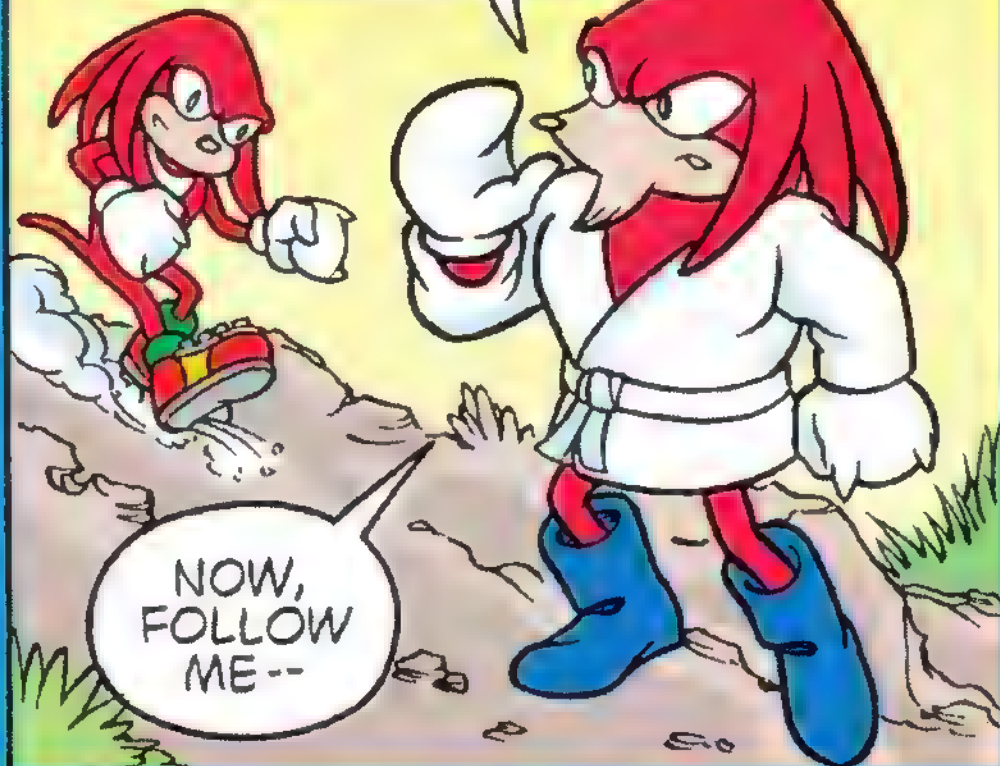
--AND YOU ALONE WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL THAT LIES AROUND YOU!



WOW!

SCRIPT: MIKE KANTEROVICH & KEN PENDERS  
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INKS: HARVO

YES, IT IS AN AWESOME TASK-- HANDED DOWN THROUGH THE GENERATIONS FROM OUR ANCESTORS!

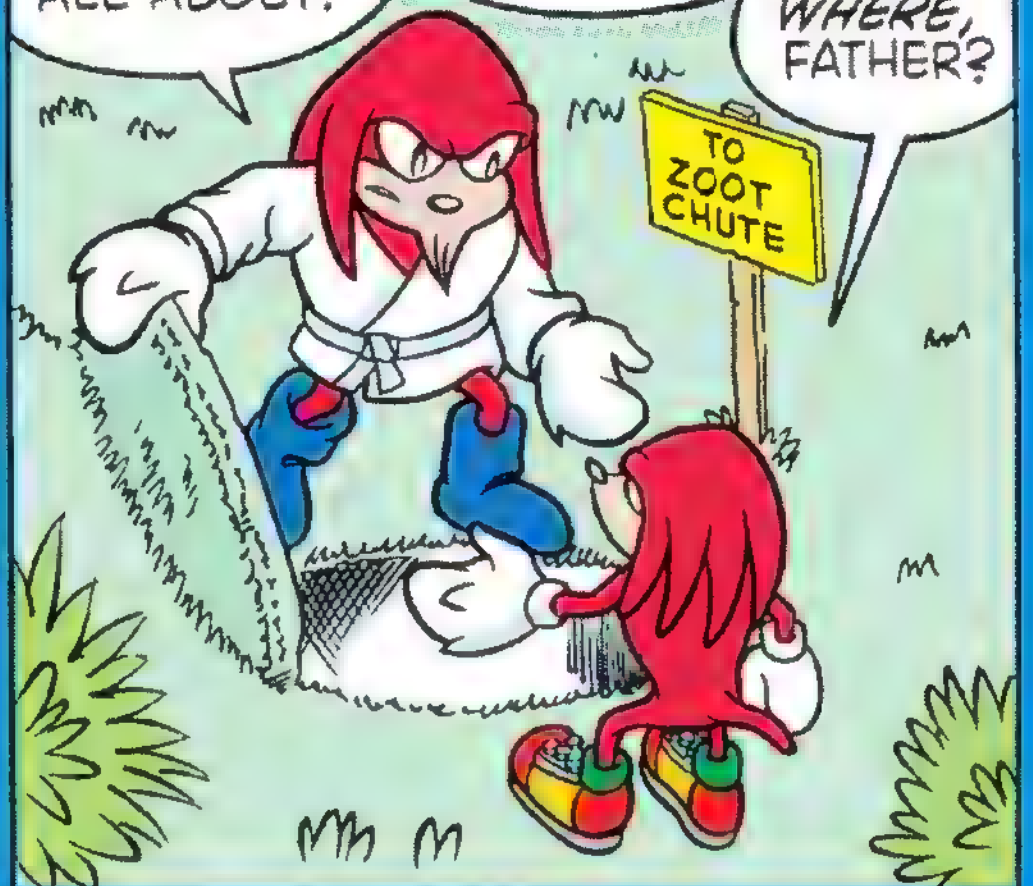


NOW, FOLLOW ME--

--FOR THIS IS WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT!

A SECRET PASSAGE?

TO WHERE, FATHER?



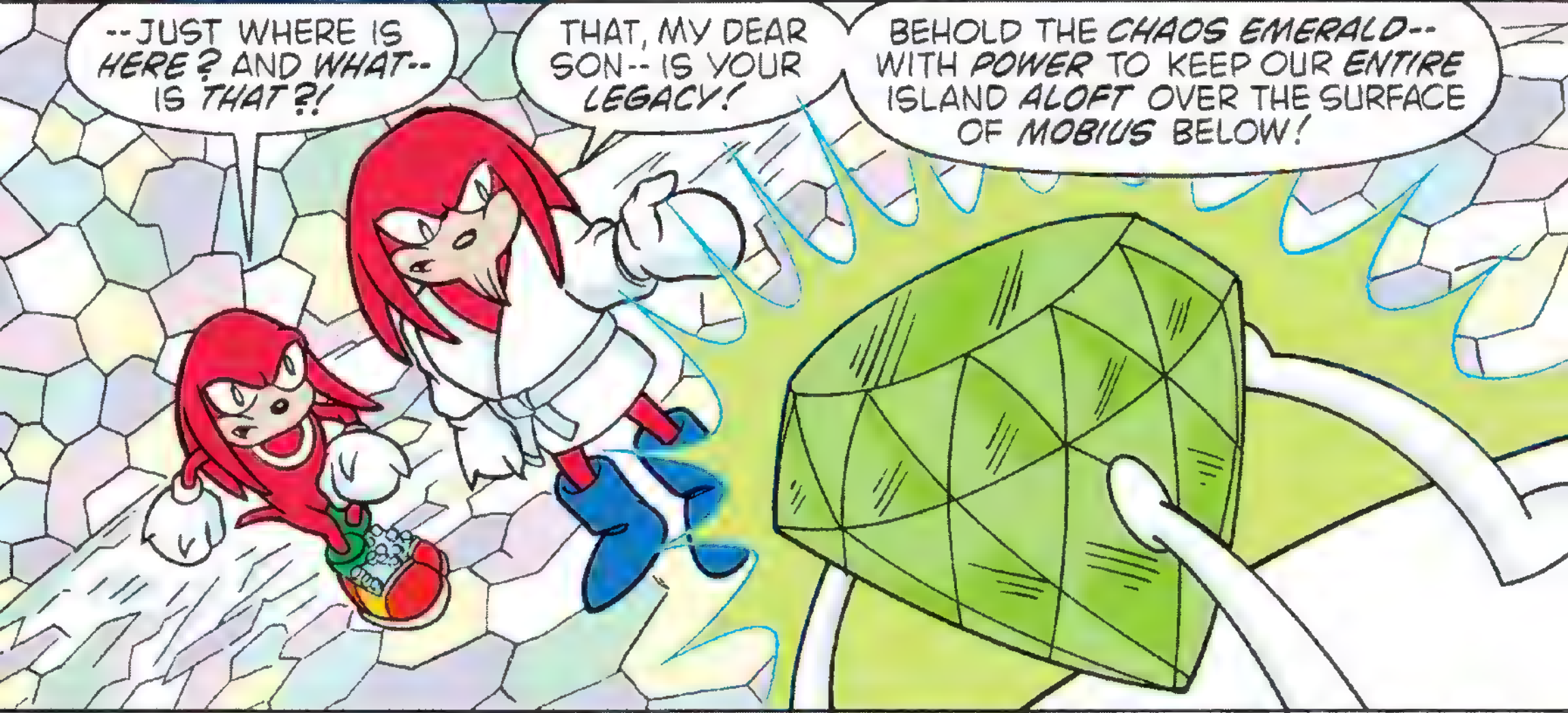




WHERE FEW HAVE GONE BEFORE, KNUCKLES!

OW!  
I CAN SEE WHY! THAT'S ROUGH, ON THE OL' TUCKUS!

BUT NOW THAT WE'RE HERE, FATHER--



--JUST WHERE IS HERE? AND WHAT-- IS THAT?!

THAT, MY DEAR SON-- IS YOUR LEGACY!

BEHOLD THE CHAOS EMERALD-- WITH POWER TO KEEP OUR ENTIRE ISLAND ALOFT OVER THE SURFACE OF MOBIUS BELOW!



IS THAT ALL IT DOES?

NO! THERE IS MORE-- MUCH MORE-- TO THE STORY--



-- BUT THERE IS ONLY SO MUCH YOU CAN LEARN AT ANY GIVEN TIME!



FOR NOW, LET'S JUST SAY YOU'VE BEEN GIVEN THE BASICS--



--FOR ONLY WHEN YOU HAVE ALL THE PIECES WILL YOU BE ABLE TO UNDERSTAND!

"--BE ABLE TO UNDERSTAND!"

INTERESTING!

NOW THAT I THINK OF IT, ARCHIMEDES DID SOUND A LOT LIKE MY DAD!



TO BE MORE SPECIFIC--THE WORDS SOUNDED LIKE DAD, BUT THE SOUND OF ARCHIMEDES' VOICE SOUNDED--

--WELL, DIFFERENT!



COULD THAT MEAN THAT-- NAH, IT COULDN'T BE--

THERE'S NO WAY DAD COULD'VE--



BESIDES, THIS ISN'T HELPING ME FIND THE CHAOTIX!\*

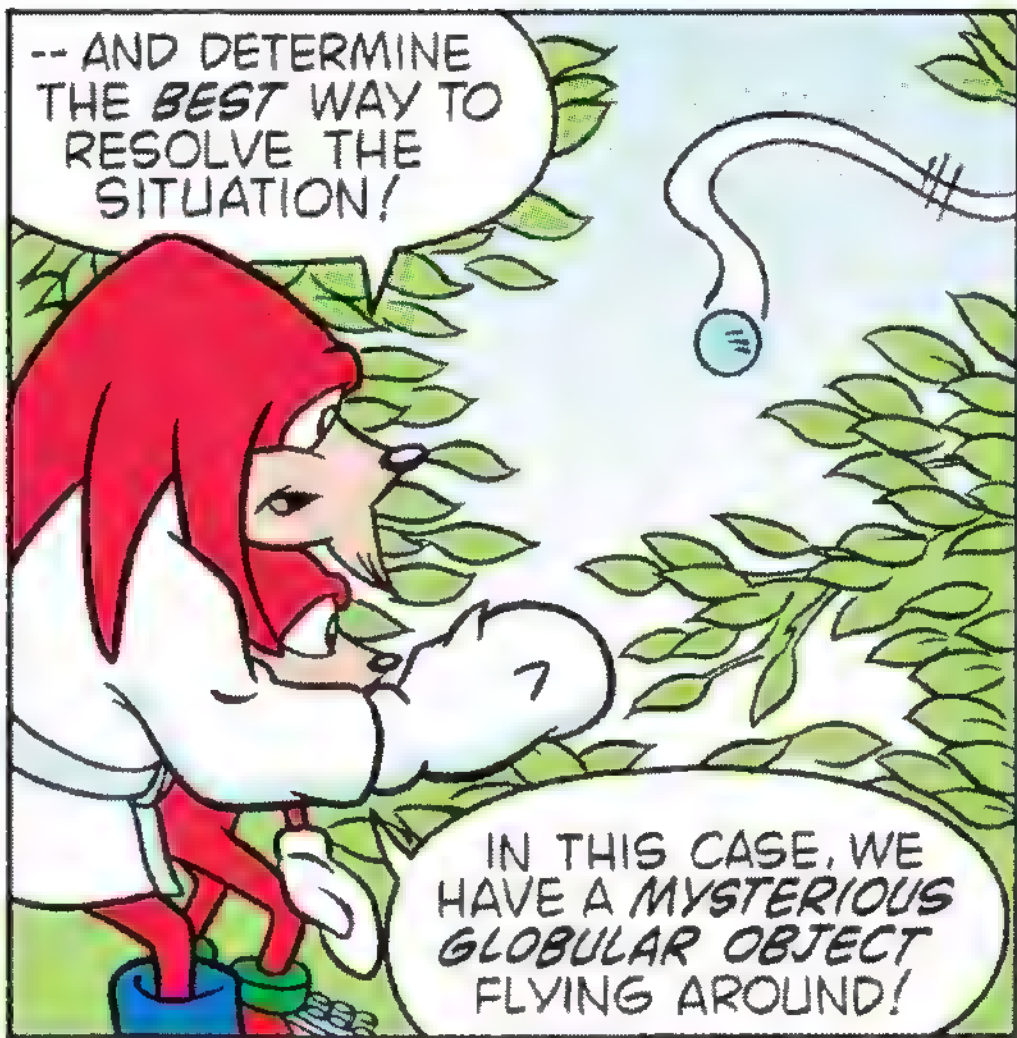
BLUNDERING AROUND, HOWEVER, ISN'T GONNA DO A FAT LOT OF GOOD EITHER!



DAD WOULD EXPECT ME TO USE MY HEAD AND THINK--

--STUDY THE PROBLEM BEFORE YOU--

\* THEY WERE KIDNAPPED IN KNUCKLES' CHAOTIX SPECIAL #1--EDITOR



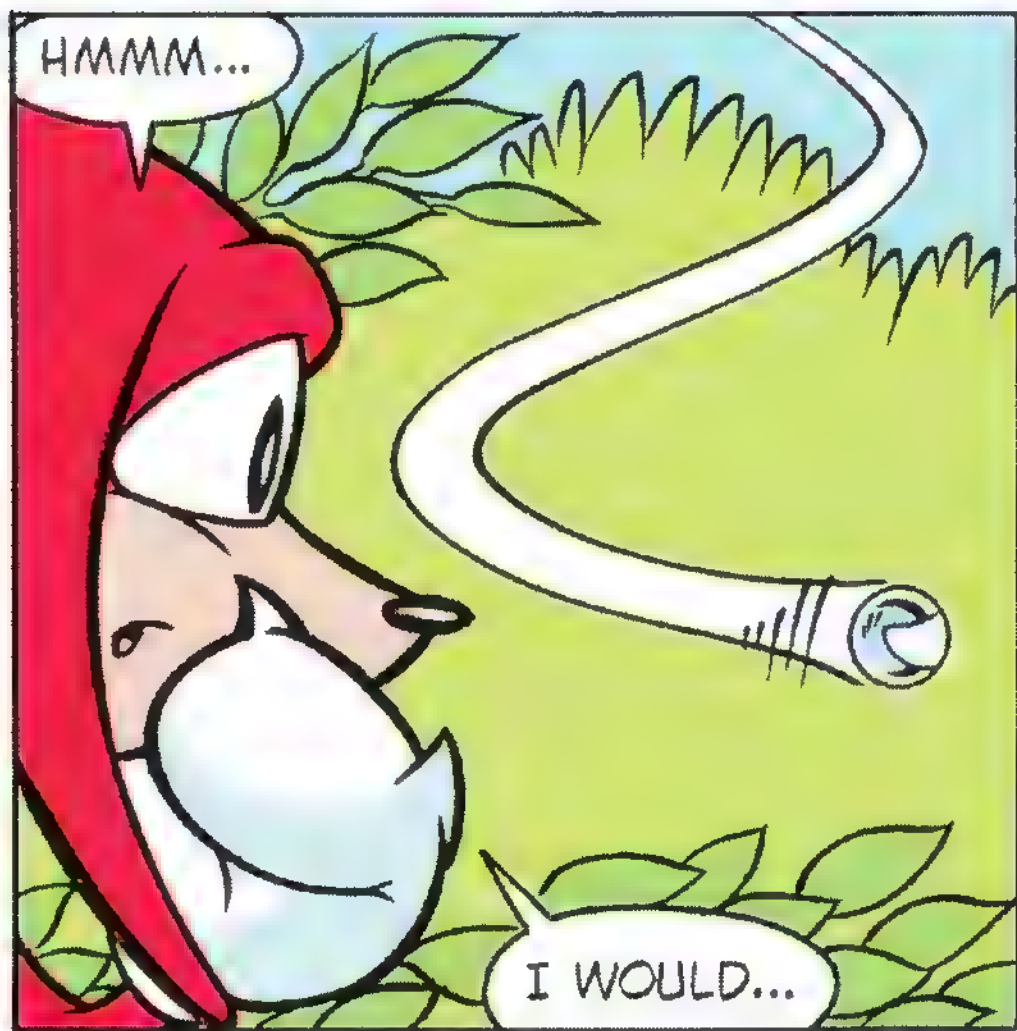
-- AND DETERMINE THE *BEST* WAY TO RESOLVE THE SITUATION!

IN THIS CASE, WE HAVE A *MYSTERIOUS GLOBULAR OBJECT* FLYING AROUND!



WE *HAVEN'T* ANY CLUE TO ITS *ORIGINS* OR *INTENTIONS*!

SO, MY DEAR KNUCKLES, WHAT WOULD YOU SAY IS OUR *FIRST COURSE OF ACTION*?



HMMM...

I WOULD...



I GUESS I WOULD *WATCH AND WAIT* TO SEE WHAT IT DOES *FIRST*!

VERY *GOOD, LAD!*

THEN WHAT?



I-- I *DON'T* KNOW! I *GUESS* IT *DEPENDS*!

ON WHAT?



OH, LIKE *MAYBE* HAVING TO *DEAL* WITH IT *UP CLOSE* AND *PERSONAL*--

IN *EFFECT*, *FORCING* YOU TO *MAKE* A *DECISION*! IS THAT *CORRECT*?



YES, SIR!

AND WHAT HAVE YOU DECIDED?



I'M NOT GONNA TAKE ANY CHANCES!

I'M GOING TO--

**SMASH!**



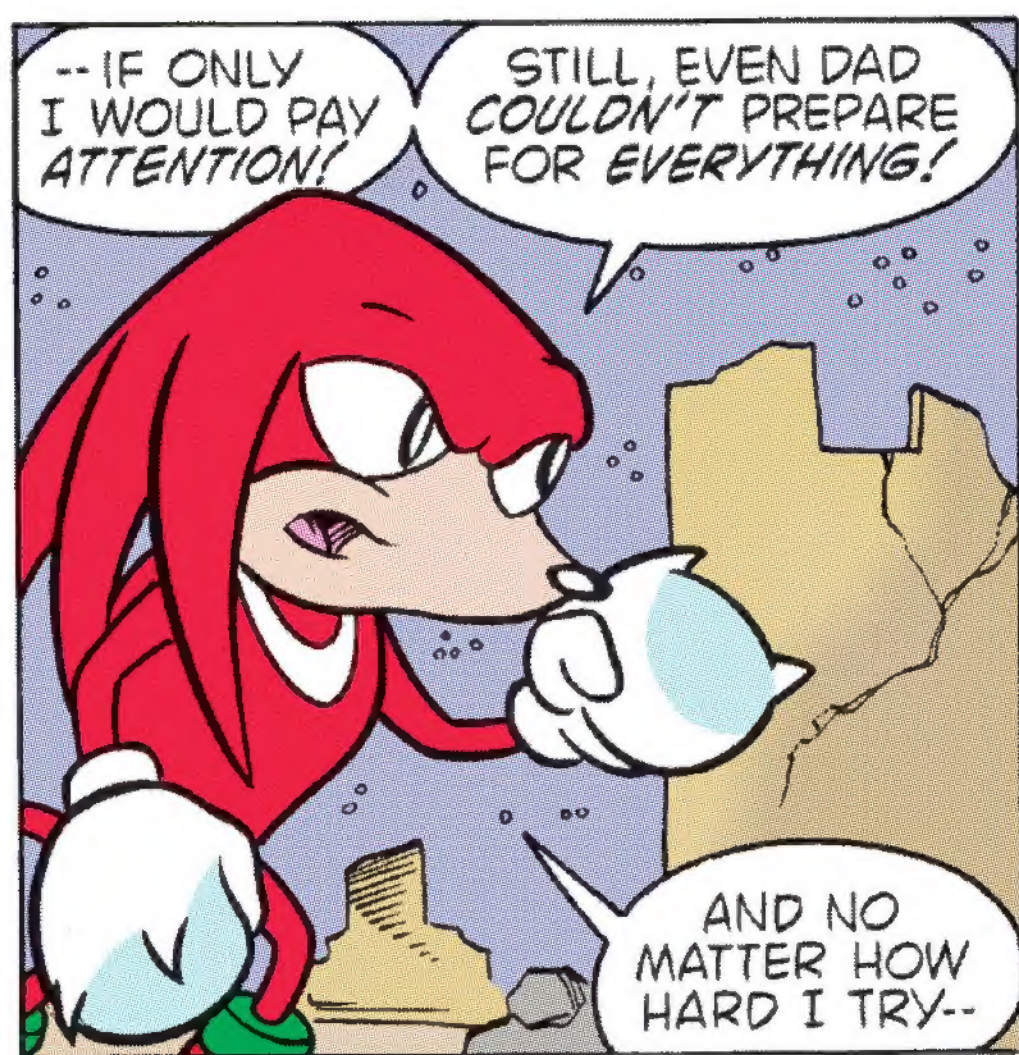
CHOKE--  
KOFF-KOFF!

YOU'VE FORGOTTEN ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT LESSONS I'VE TAUGHT YOU--



"--KNOW YOUR ENEMY!"

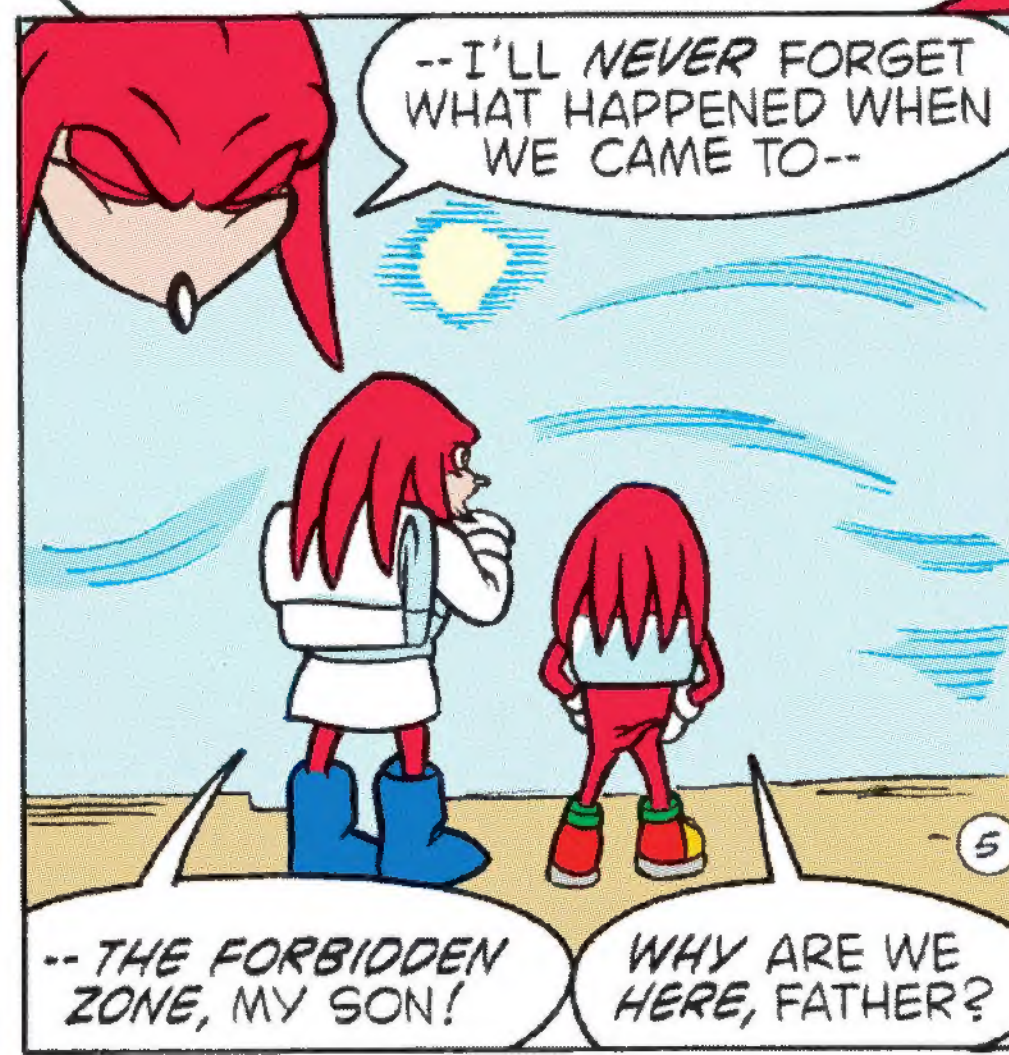
I MUST ADMIT, MY FATHER ALWAYS WOULD SHOW ME THE WAY --



-- IF ONLY I WOULD PAY ATTENTION!

STILL, EVEN DAD COULDN'T PREPARE FOR EVERYTHING!

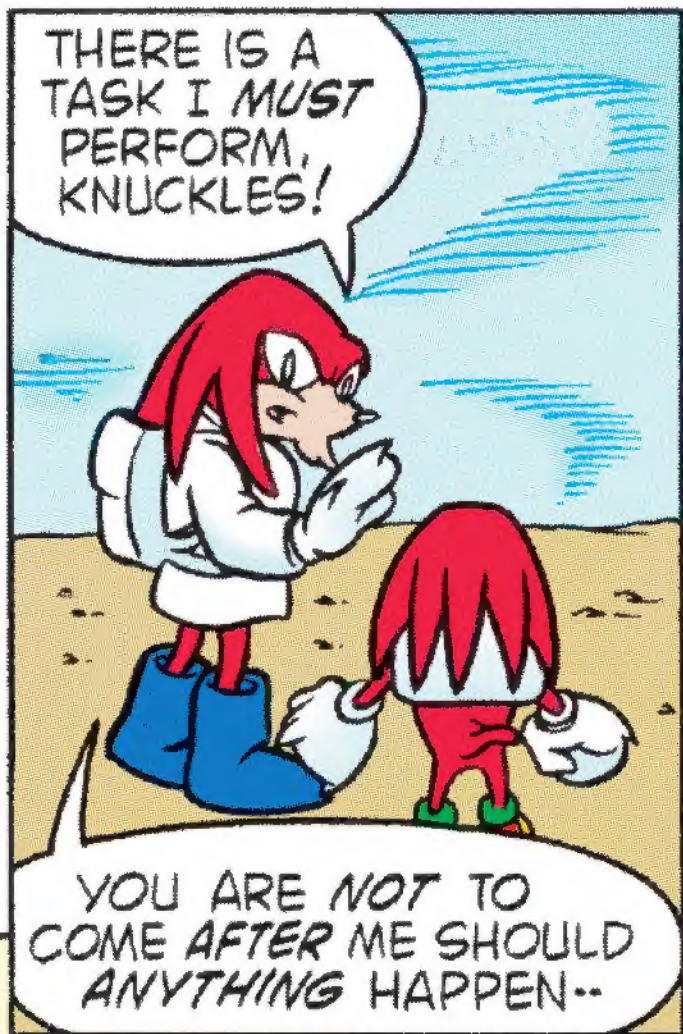
AND NO MATTER HOW HARD I TRY--



-- I'LL NEVER FORGET WHAT HAPPENED WHEN WE CAME TO--

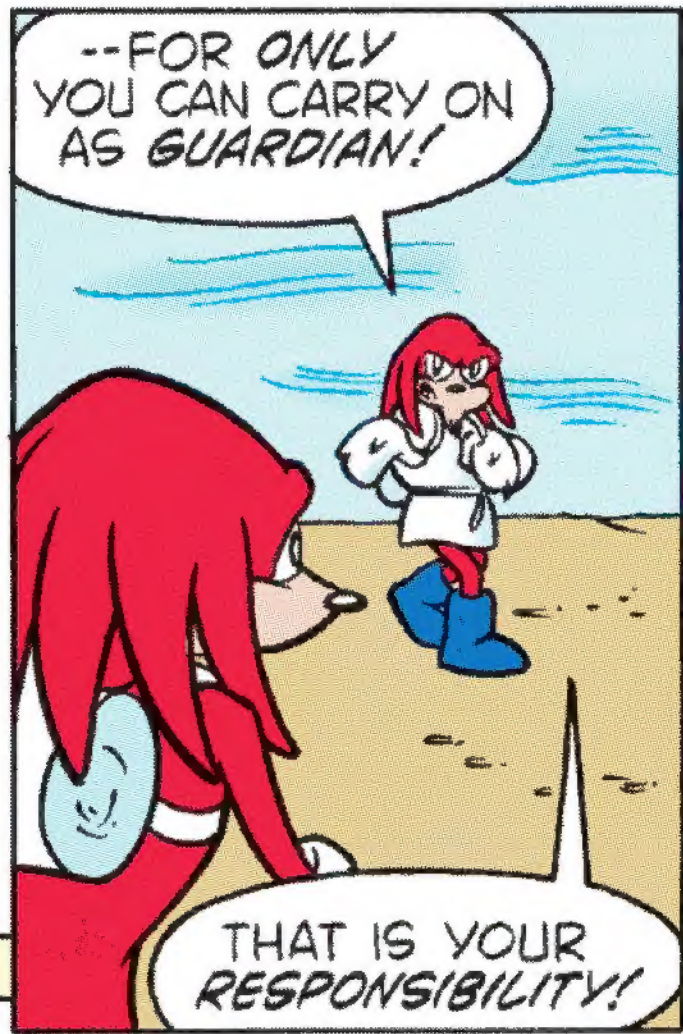
-- THE FORBIDDEN ZONE, MY SON!

WHY ARE WE HERE, FATHER?



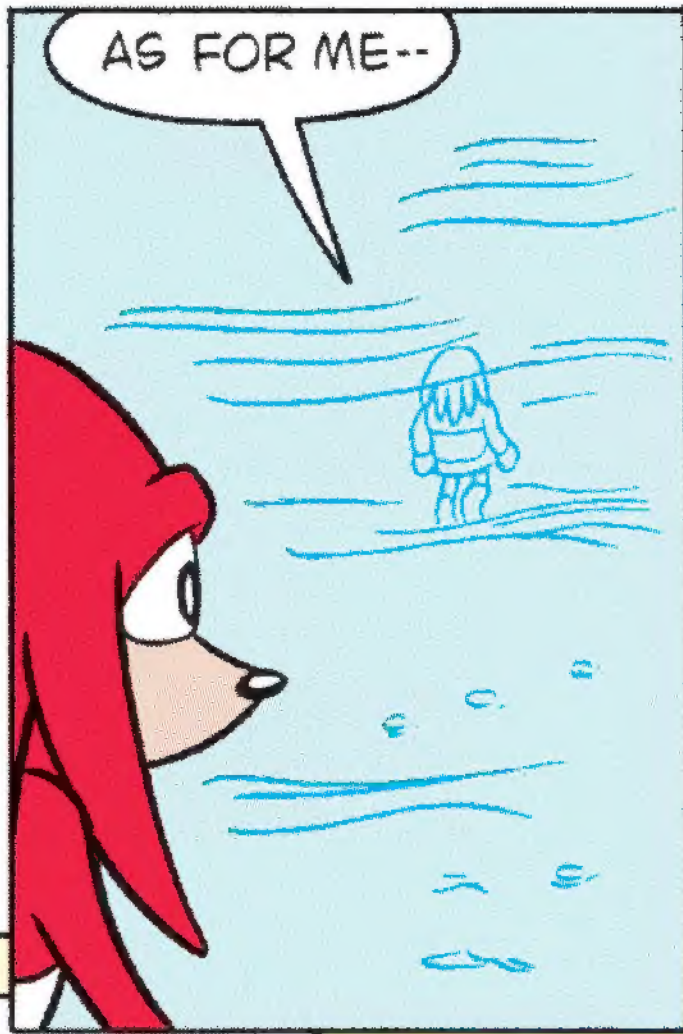
THERE IS A TASK I MUST PERFORM, KNUCKLES!

YOU ARE NOT TO COME AFTER ME SHOULD ANYTHING HAPPEN--



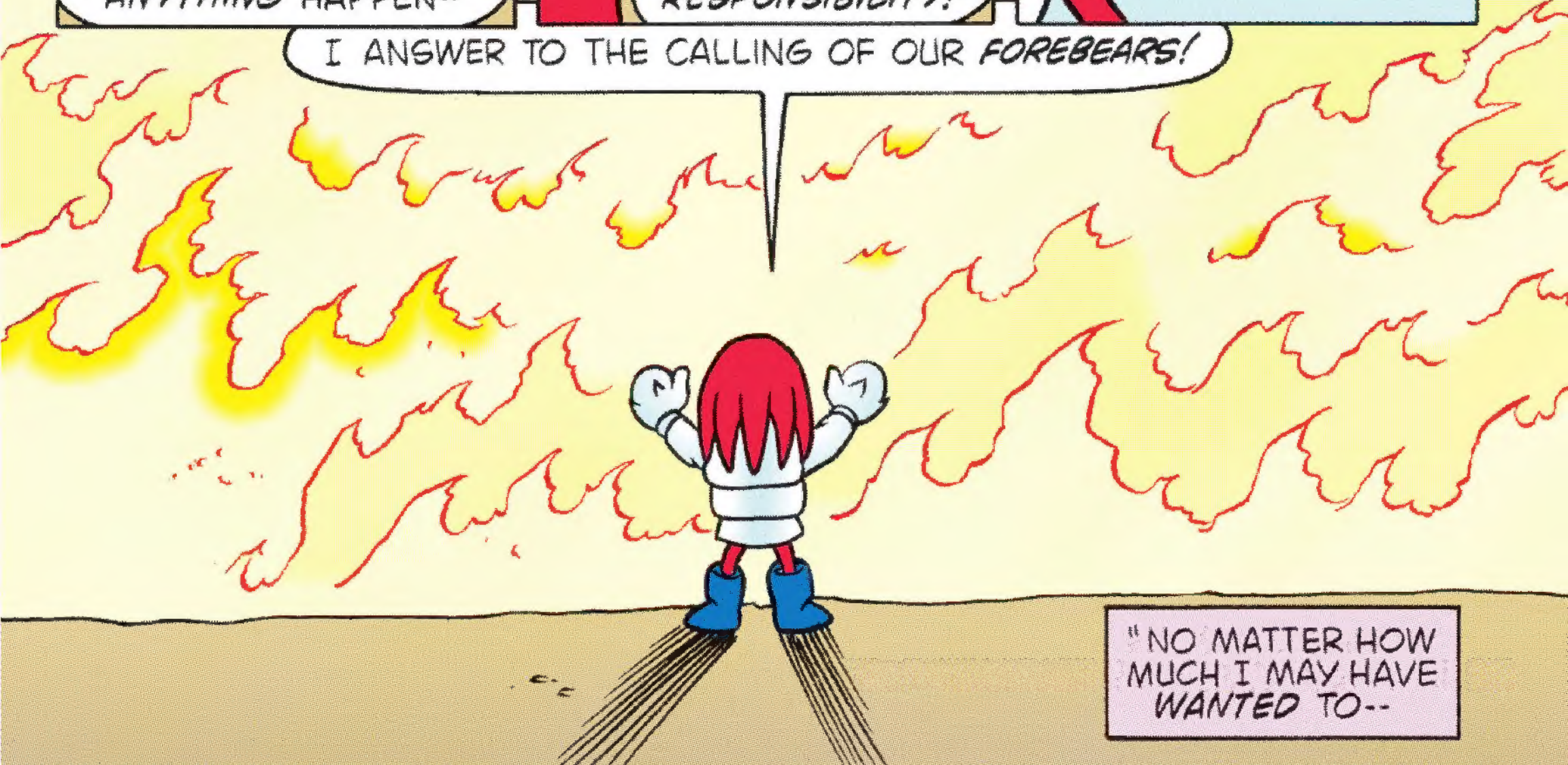
--FOR ONLY YOU CAN CARRY ON AS GUARDIAN!

THAT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY!



AS FOR ME--

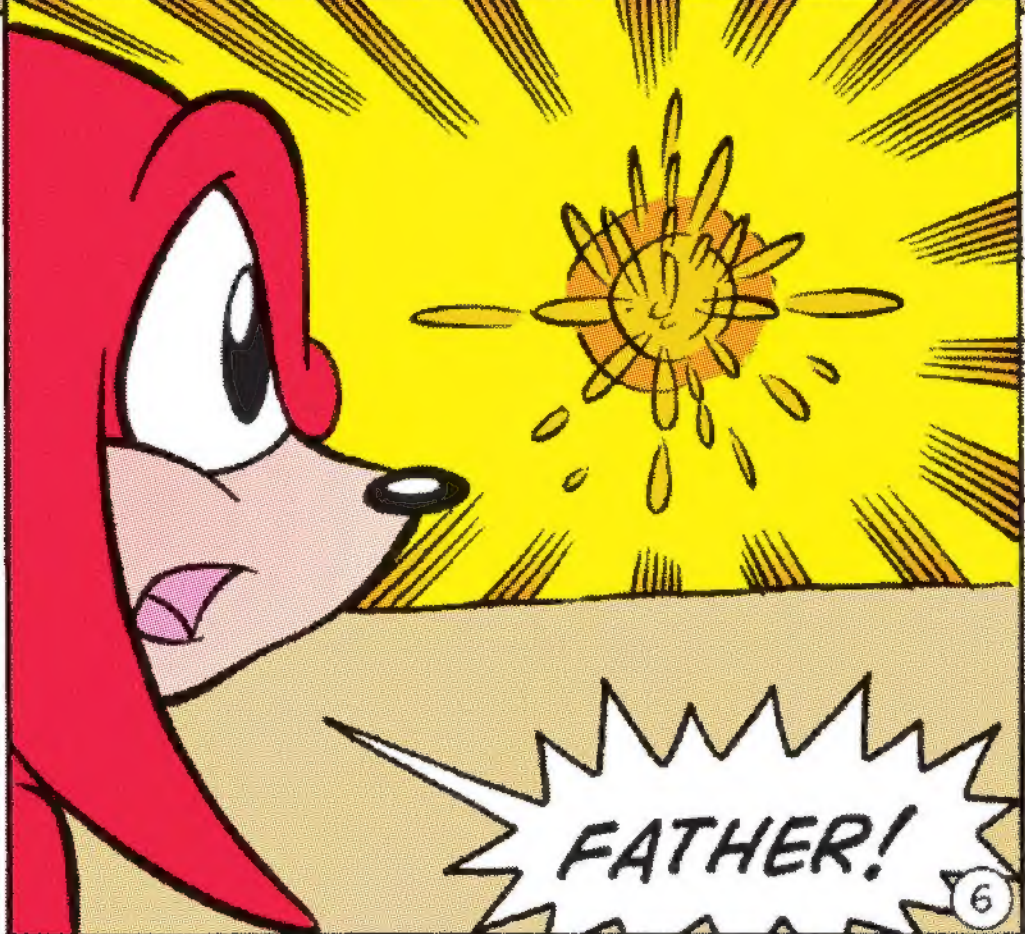
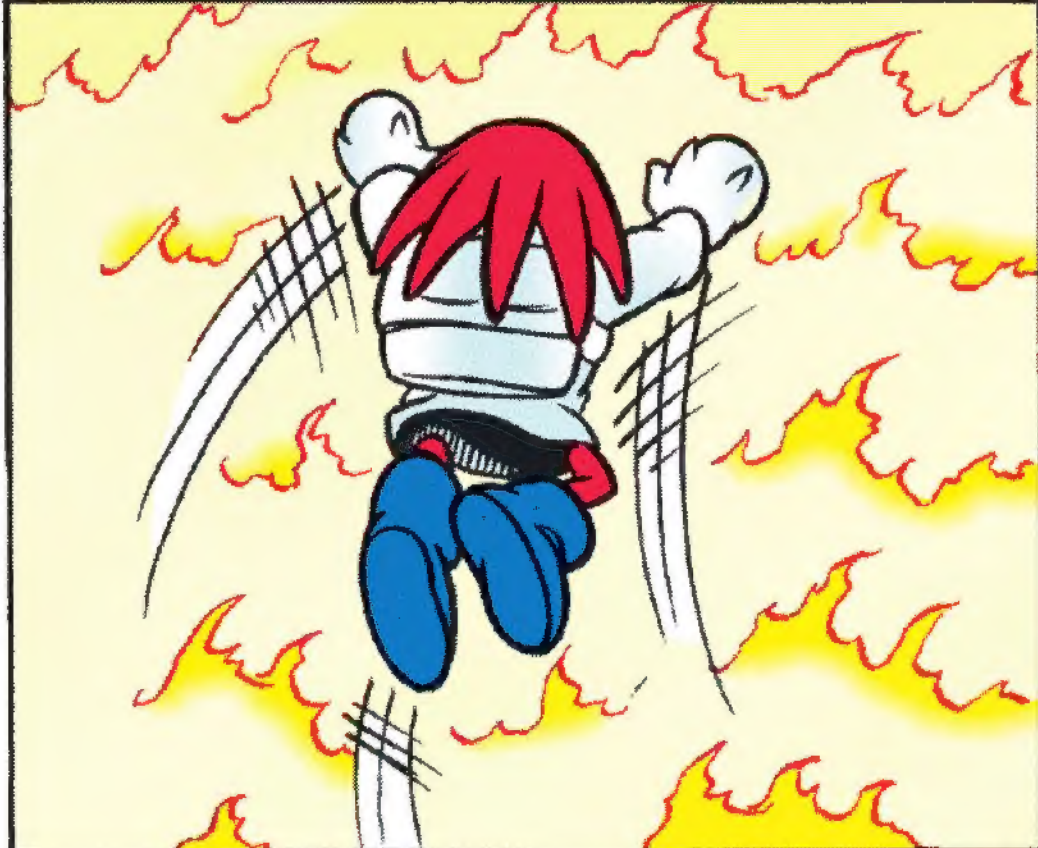
I ANSWER TO THE CALLING OF OUR FOREBEARS!



"NO MATTER HOW MUCH I MAY HAVE WANTED TO--

"-- EVEN WHEN I WITNESSED MY FATHER LEAPING INTO THAT WALL OF ENERGY--

"-- AND VANISHING BEFORE MY EYES--"



FATHER!

--I STAYED MY GROUND AND HONORED MY FATHER'S WISHES!

IT WAS THE HARDEST THING I'D EVER DONE--

BUT IF MY DAD COULD MAKE SACRIFICES TIME AFTER TIME--

--THEN HOW COULD I NOT DO LIKEWISE?

IT WASN'T ANY PICNIC FOR AWHILE AFTER THAT!

I'D KEEP FINDING NEW WAYS TO MESS UP!

LIKE, ALLOWING ROBOTNIK TO MAKE A DUPE OUTTA ME!\*

\*REFER TO THE CLASSIC "THIS ISLAND HEDGEHOG" IN SONIC #13 - EDITOR

THINGS GOT SO BAD I HAD TO DEPEND ON THAT STUPID HEDGEHOG TO SAVE MY TAIL!

AND WHEN HE SUGGESTED I FORM THE CHAOTIX INTO A TEAM...\*

SLAM!

WHAM!

\*CHECK OUT "THE CHAOS EFFECT" IN KNUCKLES' CHAOTIX SPECIAL #1 - EDITOR



...I LET MY PRIDE GET IN THE WAY AND SUGGESTED OTHERWISE!  
I DIDN'T WANT TO ADMIT IT WAS TIME TO GROW UP--



-- THAT NO MATTER WHAT I DID, I COULDN'T ESCAPE THE RESPONSIBILITIES THAT HAD BEEN HANDED DOWN TO ME!

MY DAD DID HIS BEST TO TEACH ME --

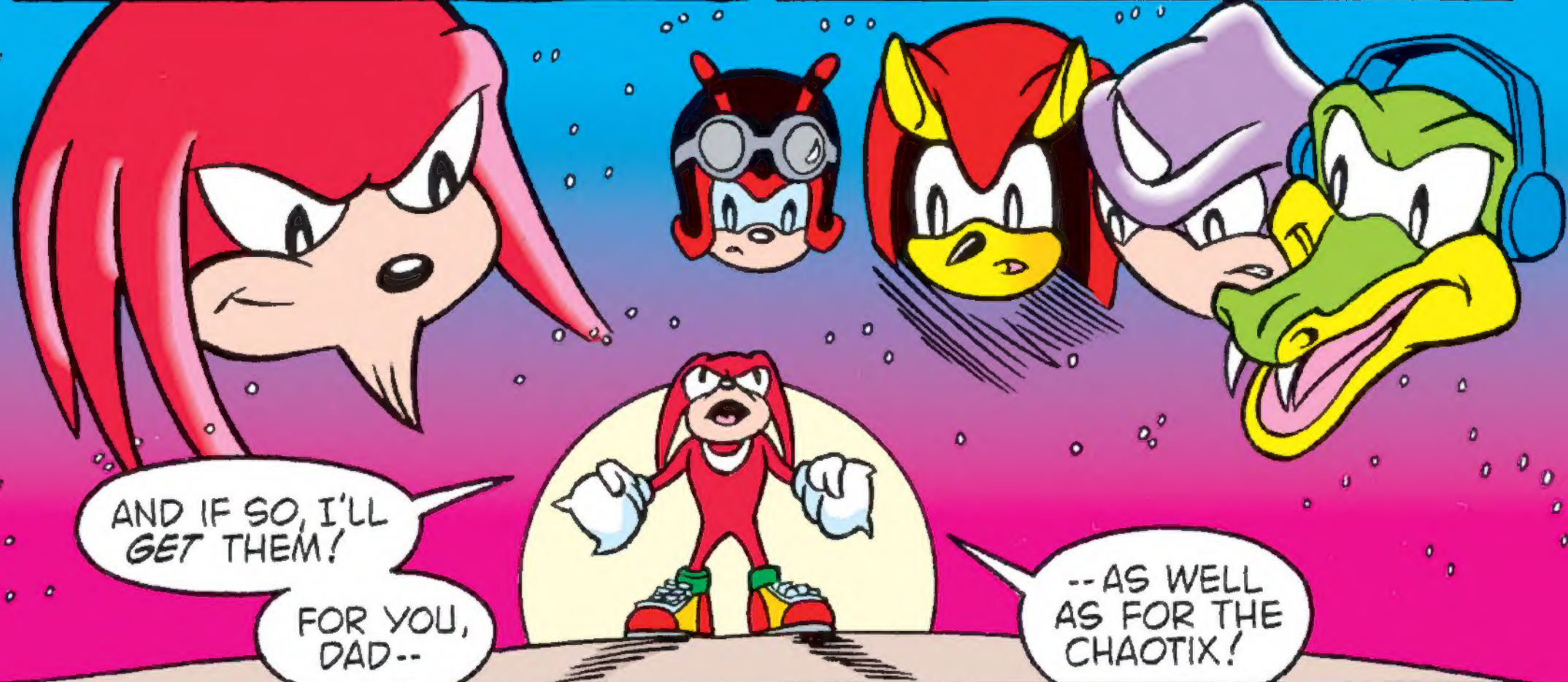


--BUT EVEN HE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT HE COULDN'T TEACH ME EVERYTHING--



--THAT SOME OF MY ANSWERS LAY ELSEWHERE--

--AND IT'S MORE THAN LIKELY THIS ARCHIMEDES HAS A FEW OF THOSE ANSWERS!



AND IF SO, I'LL GET THEM!  
FOR YOU, DAD--

--AS WELL AS FOR THE CHAOTIX!

YOU'LL LEARN THE ANSWERS, DEAR READER, AS *KNUCKLES'* STORY CONTINUES IN THE PAGES OF SONIC ARCHIVES!